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CP to Truman: End Vacation, Block Filibuster

The national committee of the Communist Party, in a wire signed by Eugene Dennis, national secretary, and Henry Winston, organization secretary, yesterday urged President Truman to return from his Florida vacation and take some "real steps" to fulfill his pre-election pledges on civil rights.

Text of the wire follows:

"The victory of pro-filibuster forces in the Senate was made easier because you failed to live up to pre-election promises. Had you remained in Washington, demanded that Democratic Senators live up to the Democratic platform pledge on civil rights and taken vigorous measures to rally public support, the filibuster forces could have been defeated.

"We now demand that you return to Washington, bring Democratic Senators into line with powers traditionally those of the Chief Executive and head of the Democratic Party and take some real steps to promote legislation in accord with pre-election pledges on civil rights.

"To defeat the filibuster and seriously begin the fight for the labor and social legislation you promised prior to Nov. 2 requires, however, a complete reversal of the present jingo, Big Business and Big Brass policies. It is such a new course that American workers and progressives are increasingly demanding."

MEET TO KILL CIVIL RIGHTS BILLS



Having already pushed through the first stage of the plot to kill the anti-filibuster move in the Senate, this bi-partisan group of senators is meeting to give the death blow to any chance for civil rights legislation in the 81st Congress. Seated is Sen. Scott Lucas, Democratic floor leader. Standing are, l. to r., Sen. Francis Myers, Democrat; Sen. Richard B. Russell, Democrat; Sen. Everett Saltonstall, Republican, and Sen. Kenneth Wherry, Republican.

TAPPER RYAN INDICTED; OTHER RYAN TALKS BIG

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425,000 MINERS OUT

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Medina Rejects Man Who Met Robeson, OK's Broker

By Harry Raymond

A man who met Paul Robeson, famed singer and actor, on a steamship 24 years ago, was declared by Judge Harold R. Medina yesterday unfit to serve on the jury in the trial of the national Communist leaders.

At the same time, the judge gave his judicial approval to prospective juror Hamilton K. Kerr, retired Wall Street broker and golf partner of former Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal. Defense attorneys, therefore, were compelled to expend a peremptory challenge to remove Kerr from the jury box.

William Harris, the man who knew Robeson, was eliminated from the jury box by Judge Medina when Harris testified he would believe Robeson's testimony if the latter appeared as a witness in the case.

When the session of the trial of the Communists was recessed shortly after 4 p.m., defense attorneys had used nine of their 15 peremptory challenges. The prosecution had used two of the six challenges allotted to the government.

Of the 27 prospective jurors called to the box since the examination of talesmen began a week ago, 15 have been excused. Four of these, all men, were excused by the court for cause, and 11 left the box on peremptory challenges.

At the close of the session, there were eight women and four men in the jury box. They were:

Mrs. Thelma Dial, 545 Edgecombe Avenue, Negro housewife. She testified her husband is a leader of a six-piece orchestra.

Mrs. Eva Mendelsohn, 235 West End Avenue, housewife. Her husband is the operator of 20 apartment buildings for Bing & Bing real estate owners.

Mrs. Ida Howell, 44 Edgecombe Avenue, Negro housewife and operator in the Clark

Beauty Shop. Her husband is a taxi driver.

Mrs. Mary Connant, 519 West 121st Street, saleslady, Macy's department store. Her husband is a Wall Street customer's man.

INSURANCE CHIEF

Francis W. Ward, 6 Ward Place, Ossining, N. Y., assistant district manager, Prudential Life Insurance Co. He testified he is a member of the Holy Name Society, a Roman Catholic organization.

Mrs. Marie Stern, 668 West End Ave., housewife.

George H. Crossan, 235 East 22nd Street, former general service manager for the Underwood Typewriter Co. at 1 Park Avenue. He testified he is retired from the firm and receives a pension.

Henry E. Allen, 110 East 87th Street, civil engineer. He is a member of the Liberal Party and has contributed to the Americans for Democratic Action.

John L. Stewart, 1686 Metropolitan Avenue, a claim approver for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Mrs. Eugenie Oberwager, 610 West 145th Street, housewife and former book-keeper for a Grand Street yarn house. Her husband operates an auto repair shop at 523 West 135th Street. She admitted she had read "Out of the Night," an anti-

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BULLETIN

ALBANY, March 14.—The McMullen bill was entered on the Senate agenda for floor debate tonight. As the Daily Worker went to press it was not yet known whether the bill would be voted on.

By Michael Singer

ALBANY, March 14.—The week-end barrage of protests against the repressive measures due for a vote this week sent enough legislators scurrying for cover to raise hopes that continued counter-attacks may yet defeat the witch-hunt bills.

The Senate, expected to receive the McMullen anti-Communist bill this week, was the main objective of most protest. More than 60 members of the CIO United Public Workers today conferred with Senate majority and minority leaders and individual Senators, and though most of them were non-committal, a number indicated opposition. This is in sharp contrast to last week, when not a single Senator would openly voice his dissent against the McMullen measure barring and firing all Communist Party members from civil service jobs.

Most of the Democratic Senators who received Labor Party backing are beginning to hedge from their previous position of silent support. Such Senators as Harry Cittleson of Brooklyn, Arthur Wachtel of the Bronx, Ray B. Tuttle of Clarkson, Louis Friedman of Brooklyn and a few others are now "studying the bill" and have indicated they may vote against it.

SEN. MORRITT TO FIGHT

Only one Senator, however, seems certain to put up a fight on the floor. Sen. Fred G. Morritt of Brooklyn, who has a progressive record, appears to be taking the lead against the McMullen bill, though he has made no open declaration against it yet. Without doubt, however, the bill will not have the easy sailing and unanimity in the Senate that it received in the Assembly last week where it passed 148 to 2.

Bronx Democratic Sen. Harold I. Panken, whose home was picketed over the weekend by constituents demanding he fight the witch-hunt legislation, was in Syracuse.

HANLEY AGAINST BILL

One aspect of the delegation's drive today was the indicated protest against the bill from Lt. Gov. Joe Hanley, Republican president of the Senate. Hanley is reported

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Call Parley to Fight Witchhunt

An emergency conference to map action against all pending national and state witchhunt legislation will be held tomorrow (Wednesday), at 2:30 p.m. at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St., the United Committee for Democratic Rights announced yesterday. All organizations were invited to send delegates to the parley to defeat all measures "the aim of which is to smash the Bill of Rights."

Morris Goldin, secretary of the United Committee, called for a "mass campaign of telegrams and letters to the Albany legislators defeat these vicious measures."

Truman Demos, Dixiecrats Ready Deal on Filibuster

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Truman Administration leaders in the Senate late today were putting the finishing touches on a compromise with the Dixiecrat bloc which will doom civil rights for the duration of the present session. A conference of Truman

Democrats, Republicans and southern Democrats recessed at five this afternoon after a two-hour meeting. Although it was announced final agreement had not been reached and that the group would resume negotiations at seven tonight, the stage was set for an agreement which would end the present filibuster but leave intact if not increased the power of the Dixiecrats to suffocate civil rights bills under filibusters.

Immediately after recessing the conference, majority leader Scott Lucas (D-III) called Truman Democrats into a huddle in a committee room adjoining the Senate chamber and presumably outlined the details of the deal.

President Truman, from his vacation retreat at Key West, had okayed any compromise his representatives found satisfactory, according to Sen. J. Howard McGrath (D-FI) although forced by pressure from northern Democrats to reject the Wherry proposal of debate limitation by a three fourth majority, Lucas was known to be offering some variation of a two-thirds majority.

Since a two-thirds rule is the one under which the Senate now operates it is clear that minor modifications of this rule couldn't open the door to civil rights legislation or any other measures opposed by a determined minority.

This was the basis for the conclusion here that the pending compromise whatever its details may be is one which dooms civil rights legislation in the 81st Congress.

The Administration leadership is asking the southerners to agree to extending the two-thirds rule to cover motions as well as bills and is offering in exchange a promise not to see any further change in the rule. If further rules changes are pressed, the southerners would be at liberty to filibuster and all limitations on debate would be canceled.

The southerners are seeking an even better deal. They are asking for a "constitutional two-thirds majority," that is, a two-thirds majority of all senators present, absent or paired-in other words a majority of 64.

Under this plan, they would need an even smaller group to carry on a filibuster and many of their number could remain off the Senate floor and carry on business in their offices.

Meanwhile, Sen. Allen Ellender (D-La) held the Senate floor, the eleventh of the southerners to engage in the talkathon which has

been in progress since Feb. 28.

Ellender told reporters he was prepared to talk for 20 hours but his real task apparently was to hold the floor while the deals were being cooked in the Democratic policy committee chamber and in the cloak rooms. His argument against rules changes or civil rights bills was that they were "a political sop to certain minorities particularly the Negro."

Sen. Karl Mundt (R-SD) offered a "compromise" proposal for a rules change. He would permit debate to be limited only with the permission of a two-thirds majority of the Democrats plus a two-thirds of other senators.

Press Builders

To Meet Tomorrow

A special Daily Worker Press Builders meeting will take place Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Forbes Auditorium, 35 E. 12 St. to discuss the builders' participation in the Daily Worker-Morning Freiheit Bazaar. The bazaar is scheduled for May 20, 21, 22 and 23 at St. Nicholas Arena.

The press builders will also consider ways to boost the circulation of the Daily Worker.

Karens in Mandalay

RANGOON, March 14 (UP).—Karen insurgents, entrenched for two days in the old Burma capital of Mandalay, lobbed shells across the Irrawaddy river today into government positions in Sagaing.

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He pleaded innocent to the charge and bail was set at \$7,500.

On second accusation, Ryan was paroled in custody of his attorney pending expected action by the

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Tapper Ryan Indicted by Jury; Other Ryan Claims Envoy Bribe



Part of the recording and telephone equipment found in the Yonkers home of Kenneth Ryan (left).

By Louise Mitchell

Kenneth Ryan, former city detective and a main character in the melodramatic wire-tapping plot against city officials, was speedily indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury for escaping while under arrest. The indictment was returned less than two hours after Ryan

surrendered to the District Attorney's office following a two-day disappearance which started early Saturday morning when he fled from City Hall without hat and coat by way of a lavatory window.

His attorney, James D. C. Murray, when asked whether Ryan was in possession of tapped conversations of Manhattan Borough President Hugo Rogers, whom he is charged with tapping, answered:

"He must have plenty. That will come out in time."

ALSO INVOLVED

Other principals in the wire-tapping scandal, born of political chicanery by Republicans and Democrats and personal grudges scheduled to appear before the Grand Jury were:

• Clendin Ryan (no relation to Kenneth Ryan), dapper, Republican multi-millionaire foe of Mayor O'Dwyer and coordinator of the Clean City Government Com. e.

He told reporters earlier in the day at City Hall that he had been offered an "ambassadorship of France" if he would quit his attacks on City Hall. Ryan has charged that wires had been tapped at his Madison Avenue mansion. He hurled the charge at the mayor that 200 policemen are on wire-tapping duty.

• Edward Jones, former Treasury Department agent held with violating the law against wire tapping.

• John G. Broady, attorney for Clendin Ryan. Broady was named by police as hiring both Jones and Kenneth Ryan for the wire-tapping plot.

OFF TO CHURCH

Murray said Kenneth Ryan had jumped out the City Hall window Saturday morning so he could "go to church." The grand jury indicted him for "escaping from lawful custody" and the district attorney charged him a short later with wire-tapping.

He pleaded innocent to the charge and bail was set at \$7,500. On second accusation, Ryan was paroled in custody of his attorney pending expected action by the

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Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

THE Administration is trying to work out a "compromise" with the filibusters. If one is reached, it would probably provide that a filibuster can be broken if the filibusters agree.

What You Can Do:

Wire Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Assemblyman Oswald D. Heck, Assemblyman Irwin Steingut, Senator Benjamin F. Feinberg and Senator Elmer F. Quinn. Demand an immediate open hearing on all these bills. Demand an end to witch-hunt legislation.

Wire and visit your own local Senator and Assemblyman. Give him the same message.

Secure statements and resolutions from all individuals and organizations opposing these bills! Do it today! Tomorrow may be too late!

'If It Saves a Life, It's Worth It', Miners Say

By Walter Lowenfels

PITTSBURGH, March 14.—A day's drive around this soft-coal center showed miners almost unanimous in support of the memorial stoppage that started this morning when 425,000 miners walked out of all soft and hard coal mines east of the Mississippi.

"If we can save a man's life it is worth something," John Supinsky, past president of the United Mine Workers Local 1198, told us. We got acquainted with him and Martin Plut, secretary of the local, when we stopped to ask them road directions. They were coming out of the post office at Hill Station, a small mine patch near the Mon-tour Number Four operations of

the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company.

We asked them about the statement of George Love, president of their company, largest soft-coal producer in the world, and one of the vast holdings of the Mellon family, who said:

"It's just an ordinary strike with a little black ribbon tied around it."

NEED SAFETY

Plut, a heavy-set veteran of 53, said, "he doesn't take his men into consideration. We need safety legislation. The mechanical mine is more dangerous. When we were hand loading, we used so many props you could hardly shovel.

"With machine - cutting, you

don't put in so many props. The foreman comes around and says you can get another slab out."

Supinsky, shorter and younger, broke in "The machine goes so fast you can hardly keep up with it." Then he added quietly "you know the underground isn't rosy all the time."

The talk shifted, as it did with other miners throughout the day, to short work-weeks, and the coal "surplus" that has made 300,000 miners unemployed all or part time this winter.

"We started working four days a week last month."

"What about the Taft-Harley act?"

"That's no good. It seems like

it's taking them a long time getting around to it. This one's as bad as the 80th Congress. All they did so far was to raise Truman's salary."

"You can't stop progress," said Supinsky, referring back to mechanization. "But the whole thing is you've got to consider the men a little. These men have spent their whole lives for the company and they ought to get something."

WAGES, HOUR ISSUES

Others spoke almost immediately about the wage and hour issues that the safety stoppage has brought to the surface.

"It had to come sooner or later, so why not now?" said Red Carl-

son when we started talking with him at Cloverdale.

"This is the smartest move Lewis ever made. You'll find a few men that are greedy, but you'll find 90 percent of the men are in favor of the stoppage."

George Davis, of the Matthies mine, put it this way:

"If we don't strike now, we strike in June under worse conditions." He meant the 70-million-ton stock of coal now on hand would be even greater. One of the men in this group told us 125 men were slated to be laid-off just before the strike at their Castle-Shannon mine.

The wage demand is most often

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ANTHRACITE MINERS APPROVE UAM MEMORIAL STOPPAGE

HAZELTON, Pa., March 14.—The call of the United Mine Workers leaders for a two-week memorial holiday to protest mine deaths and accidents has had a militant effect on the miners of this area. When the radio first announced the decision, many miners here felt it only affected the bituminous areas. This temporary confusion is a result of long years of separate contractual negotiations, which in most cases left the Anthracite miners trailing after the pattern set by the soft coal diggers. Once it was clear that the Anthracite field was included in the call the response of the rank and file was immediate.

One of the local Committee members employed at the Truesdale colliery in nearby Wilkes-Barre expressed it this way.

"The men have been restless ever since the reduction of operations to two and three days a week. There are a lot of grievances, men are pushed around

something awful, and safety is a sore point. We stand with the soft coal diggers 100 percent."

The president of the Maple Hill local at Shenandoah said: "We had lot of accidents and we may as well start fighting for security now."

In the Panther Creek Valley there is a movement afoot to organize a mass delegation to the legislature at Harrisburg to demand a change in the unemployment compensation law.

The big coal operators here are charging that in calling the holiday the miners are breaking their contract. The big four—Clem Alden, Lehigh, Hudson and Reading Coal Companies issued a statement yesterday: "It will cost our men a lot of money."

Such hypocritical concern is not forgotten by the miners, who only a few days ago were turned down when their representatives demanded that the companies in question space their part-time work so the men may be able to collect unemployment insurance.

Because of the differential insurance rates paid by employers, which means that the rates of payment is reduced in ratio to the amount taken out, the coal operators refused to part with a few thousand dollars that this increased insurance rate would cost, if men were permitted to qualify. Under the present state law a worker must have seven unemployed days in row in order to collect compensation. Instead, the operators see to it that the men are disqualified by working them as little as one day a week.

Supreme Soviet Approves New Shifts in Posts

MOSCOW, March 14.—Five more men including Nikolai A. Voznesensky, Vice Premier and chairman of the State Planning Commission, have been released from their present duties, it was announced today.

Voznesensky, 45, is the youngest member of the 13-man Political Bureau, the leading body of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. He was replaced as Vice Premier and State Planning Commission chairman by Maxim Z. Saburov but remains on the Politburo.

Others released from their posts and their successors are:

Ivan Goliakov, president of the Supreme Court, succeeded by Anatoli Colin.

Nikifor Natalevich, vice president of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet for White Russia, succeeded by Vassily Kozlov.

Georgi Sturua, vice president of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet for Georgia, succeeded by Vassily Gogua.

Peter Popkov, member of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet, succeeded by Vassily Andrianov.

The changes were ratified by the Supreme Soviet at its final session today.

The Supreme Soviet also unanimously approved Russia's budget.

Jailed in Beirut for Anti-British Slogan

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 14.—Anton Aradjan, a young Communist sentenced to one month's imprisonment for "insulting the Iraqi government," was given two years when he shouted, "Down with British Imperialism."

CLOSE TO 1,000 armed police were picking up hundreds of persons in South Philadelphia today in a campaign of terror against the Negro people.

Armed with shot-guns, sub-machine guns, tear gas pistols, and night sticks they were conducting a house to house search in a two-mile section of South Philadelphia for the killer of two liquor store employees, shot to death in a hold-up Saturday night.

The area being combed has a large Negro population and has been the scene of frequent localized outbreaks of violence instigated by anti-Negro elements.

The Communist Party immediately protested to Mayor Bernard Samuel, charging that the manhunt is an excuse to terrorize the Negro people in this city. Protests from other groups and individuals are being prepared.

A city-wide meeting of progressive groups is scheduled for next Friday night on the situation.

It was reported that many were being picked up in taprooms, pool

rooms as well as private homes in the area. In some instances, it was reported, homes were searched without warrants.

YELL 'CRIME WAVE'

The newspapers have labeled the situation a "crime wave," and are demanding more men be added to the police force. Addition of 500 men to the force was demanded by Director of Public Safety Stanley H. Rosenberg when he was installed into office last week.

The manhunt, called by newspapers the greatest in the city's history, is seen by progressives as a means of implementing Rosenberg's demand.

An unidentified witness, described by newspapers as a "swarthy faced Mexican," allegedly identified the killer as a pock-faced Negro about 28 years old.

Mayor Samuel added fuel to the fire by calling for a campaign to drive every criminal off the streets.

Much of the search is being conducted near the waterfront, where many Negro and white longshoremen live.

Last summer, a few blocks away from the shooting, more than 500 persons resisted police efforts to arrest several Negro men. And only several weeks ago a mob of white residents in South Philadelphia went on a 48-hour "Negro hunt," shooting and beating up a number of Negro youths.

In the same area last summer, a 15-year old Negro boy, while playing, was shot by a private policeman.

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Covering the Jobless Front

How are the jobless paying the rent? How are they paying for food, for clothes for the kids?

What does a family head do when his wage is cut from \$65 a week to less than \$25 on unemployment compensation?

What are the jobless talking about? How do they explain the growing unemployment? What are they doing?

Joseph North continues his first-hand series on the jobless with two articles on New Jersey this Wednesday and Thursday.

JOHN L. LEWIS

JAMES BOYD



1,000 Armed Cops Terrorize Negro Section in Philadelphia

Harrison Mum in Lockout; Picket Express Terminals

By Bernard Burton

Picketing of all Railway Express Agency terminals in the Metropolitan area was begun yesterday by locked-out workers belonging to the AFL Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks. J. P. Dolan, regional vice chairman of the BRC, said that the workers

were "still awaiting word" of permission from the international union to picket all terminals.

The possibility for such permission was considerably dimmed, however, by Ralph Morgan, grand vice president of the union. Morgan said, "It is my understanding that Br. (George M.) Harrison frowns on that and has instructed the New York general chairman not to picket the terminals." Harrison, grand president, who is attending negotiating sessions in Chicago, has not made any statement on the lockout.

DENIES PICKET BAN

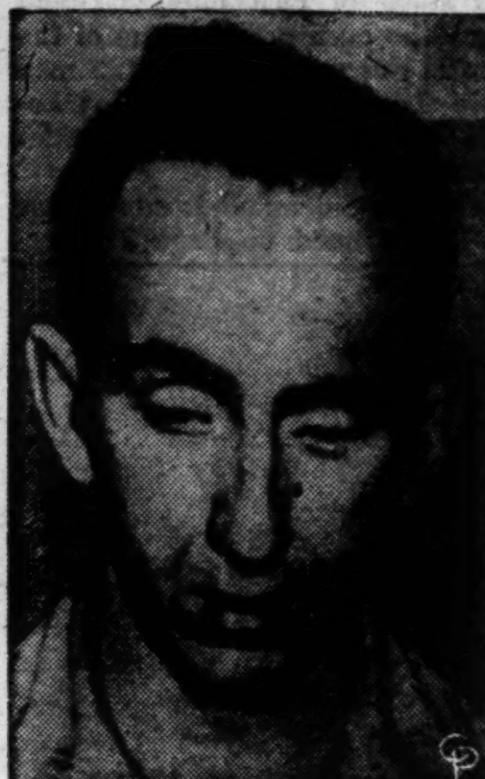
Dolan denied that any instructions against picketing had been received.

He also declared that the recent 40-hour-week settlement reached

for the 18 non-operating unions, including the Clerks, did not affect Railway Express. Such an agreement, he said, "would not be equitable" for the express men.

Basic issue in the express lockout is the demand for an immediate 40-hour-week and a 25-cent hourly increase, on which negotiations have been under way for 11 months.

The national agreement, of which Harrison was a chief negotiator, called for a seven-cent raise, retroactive to last Oct. 1. The 40-hour-week is to go into effect Sept. 1. Only issue still to be decided is whether the work week is to be put into effect on a stag-



AUTHORITIES in Hudson, N. H., are holding Edgar Mabry in connection with the slaying of his nephew Calvin Anderson, 11, who was found stabbed to death at home. The boy's uncle was taken into custody on the basis of his statement that he "felt an urge to kill," and then attacked the boy with a 10-inch hunting knife, according to police.

Einstein Is 70

PRINCETON, N. J., March 14 (UPI).—Dr. Albert Einstein, discoverer of the theory of relativity which made possible the development of the atom bomb, observed his 70th birthday quietly at his home today.

18-man mediation panel today awarded 1,000,000 non-operating railroad workers the 40-hour week, with no loss in pay from the 48 hours they now work.

The shorter work week will take effect Sept. 1, while an additional straight seven-cent hourly pay increase will be retroactive to October 1.

Still left were two issues involving pay scales for monthly-rated workers, and a 40-hour week for yardmasters, who were excluded from the shorter hours.

The mediators stipulated that employees shall receive 48 hours pay for 40 hours work when the agreement takes effect.

Employees also will receive time and a half overtime rates for all work in excess of 40 hours in any one week.

Sam Carr Refused Bail in Toronto

TORONTO, March 14.—Sam Carr, charged with uttering a false passport for an international spy, was refused a request today for release on bail.

Joseph Sedgwick, Carr's attorney, made the request on the grounds that Carr is ill.

State Jobless Claims Rising

Claims for unemployment insurance in New York State jumped sharply again for the week ended March 4, it was disclosed yesterday by the Division of Research and Statistics of the State Department of Labor. The total reached 462,726, a rise of 20,100, or 4.5 percent above the previous week.

In addition, about 3,000 workers were removed from the rolls during the week, after exhausting their benefit rights, the Bureau reported. The new total is more than 60,000 above the pre-war peak of 399,357.

Initial claims filed in the week ended March 4 were 71,321, with 48,540 coming from New York City. Sharp increases continued to be reported from the upstate industrial centers. Statewide, 74,021 veterans were drawing "52-20" payments.

Condon's Insurance Bill Would Aid Trusts

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 14.—Private insurance companies take over control of disability payment insurance under provisions of the Mailer-Condon bill introduced in the legislature today.

The measure, ostensibly providing disability benefits to workers for accidents or illness off the job, is really a Republican-sponsored plan for further encroachment by the trusts in the field of social insurance.

The measure was prepared by 18 of the major insurance, Chamber of Commerce and investment firms in the state. The State Federation of Labor also joined in the conferences to write the bill. The state CIO is opposing it because it provides for weekly contributions by the worker as well as the employer—a 50-50 split, according to payroll deduction estimates of 80 cents a week.

SLUSH FUNDS

Disability insurance under this bill can be bought from private insurance companies, which now literally control policy for the state insurance fund. Private companies naturally would put greater obstacles in allowing disability claims than would state agencies making the weekly employee deductions of half of 1 percent of wages (up to 30 cents a week) therefore, will become huge slush funds for the companies.

Gov. Dewey has urged that the

Prof. Schuman to Talk On Atlantic Pact

Dr. Frederick L. Schuman, professor of political economy and government, will discuss the North Atlantic pact this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the City Center Casino, 133 W. 55 St.

Mary Van Kleeck, industrial sociologist, will chair the meeting, which is sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Tickets are \$1.

If every reader of the Daily Worker buys an extra copy for a shop-mate or neighbor, that would double circulation. Will you do your share today?

Bill in India

Outdoes T-H

WASHINGTON, March 14.—A bill has been introduced in the Indian Parliament, according to the embassy of the Government of India here, which includes and goes far beyond some of the "slave labor" provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The preamble to the bill says: "The Government has gone to the utmost limit possible in a very difficult inflationary situation to meet the genuine demands of labor . . . but there are certain subversive elements which seem determined to foment strikes."

The bill permits the Indian Government to prohibit strikes "in any essential service" for six months merely by notification in the official gazette, without any court action. It declares prohibited strikes illegal and includes penalties for persons participating in or "instigating" such strikes.

Prior to its introduction, Labor Minister Ram told the Parliament that the Government "has repeatedly made it clear" that strikers "will be strongly and promptly dealt with . . . any attempt to sabotage the national interest will not be tolerated."

Before introduction of the bill, Prime Minister Nehru told a meeting of power engineers in Delhi to approach their problems in a "spirit of war emergency."

The embassy also reported that over 3,932 Communists were arrested in Hyderabad.

GE Sparks Campaign to Retain T-H

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Big Business, in a propaganda drive reminiscent of the well-heeled campaign that killed price controls, is putting the heat on Congress to retain the Taft-Hartley law, a check-up of Congressional offices by the Daily Worker revealed today.

Congressmen from industrial areas, particularly, have been receiving hundreds of mimeographed and printed questionnaires framed by the General Electric Co., and by Fulton Lewis, Jr., radio voice of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The questionnaires, containing questions of the when-did-you-stop-beating-your-wife type overwhelmingly support retention of the Taft-Hartley law.

Most of the GE questionnaires, a congressional clerk said, were sent in by Chamber of Commerce members, foremen, executives and

their wives. The replies to the Lewis questionnaires came from workingmen who, it had been determined, were asked to fill in the answers by their foremen and bosses.

The envelopes containing the questionnaires are addressographed. One congressman from Indiana has received the bulk of the questionnaires from Cleveland. More Cleveland mail has gone to a Congressman from Toledo, O.

The Senate Labor Committee has also been swamped by the propaganda. But House Labor Committee clerks reported a "trickling" of pro-Taft-Hartley mail.

State Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers organizations were obviously organizing the drives, aiming them at congressmen from their home districts. The same method was used to bury price control.

Anti-Taft-Hartley mail has been heavy from industrial areas, but has dropped off in recent weeks, the same congressional aides reported.

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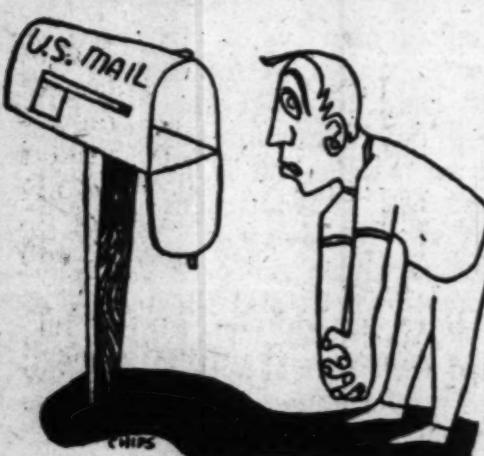
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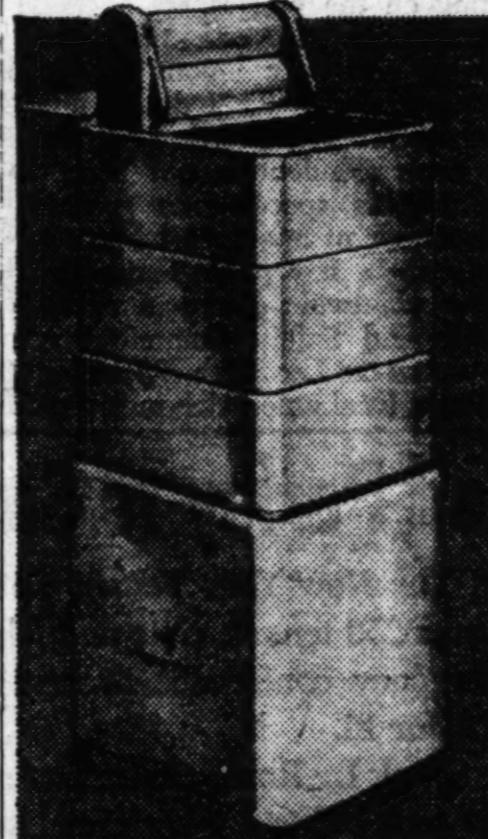
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The seamen, who are sitting in at the Army Base, are members of the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

"Our members are protesting this move to further militarize the American merchant marine," said C. E. Johanson, New York port agent, last night.

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FOR DPS

The Army, it is reported, intends to use the C-4's to carry displaced persons and students. Privately operated shipping lines have done this work in the past.

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The sit in at the Brooklyn Army began when the men got confirmation of the transfer news.

Wallace Hits Back

Henry A. Wallace yesterday expressed surprise at the reactionary inspired agitation over his South Norwalk speech. He declared:

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"My speech had been cleared in advance by the lay leaders of the church."

SEEK SUSPENSION OF CCNY WALLACE UNIT

Suspension of the charter of the City College Students for Wallace was recommended by the Day Student Council after a stormy weekend meeting, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

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It was reported that Donovan, head of the company's Labor Relations Office, phoned Tommy Thompson, local president, and told him, "Someone is going to burn for this demonstration today."

This was seen as forecasting an attempt to retaliate against McPhaul, leader of the demonstration.

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According to incomplete figures, these Kuomintang U. S.-made planes killed nine and wounded 55 civilians and destroyed houses and property with incendiary bombs during this period, while Li Tsung-jen, the so-called "Acting President" continued to publicize the Kuomintang Nanking government's desire for "peace."

Kuomintang planes raided cities in Kiangsu, Hunan, Anhwei and Hopei.

Call Parley to Save Rent Control

The New York Tenant Councils issued a call yesterday to over 250 tenant, civic and labor organizations to attend an emergency conference to save rent controls this Friday at 13 Astor Pl.

Paul L. Ross, chairman, said, "the Congress-proposed new rent bill is a joker rent law. Its new 'reasonable return' clauses permit landlord rent increases that virtually scrap all controls. All federal state standby and city rent regulations expire approximately within 100 days. The Senate which has yet to act on this bill can still prevent a fiasco."

The public is invited to attend the conference.

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Nine students are under attack for demonstrating during a recent CCNY-NYU basketball game at Madison Square Garden. The nine demanded the ouster of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker and instructor William C. Davis, charged, respectively, with anti-Semitism and segregation of Negro students.

The attack is being led by the

CCNY Young Republicans, Young Democrats, Young Liberals and the Student League for Industrial Democracy. These flooded the campus Friday, just before the Council meeting, with red-baiting leaflets. The joint Democratic and Liberal leaflet said that when the students "unroll the banners which read, 'Jimcrow must go,' this action spells the epitome of anarchy." The Republicans charged "bad manners."

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At Lake Success, Jacob A. Malik, chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations, yesterday declared the arrest as a spy was an "unheard of violation of diplomatic immunity."

Gubitchev was arraigned yesterday for conspiracy and with attempting to receive government documents from Miss Judith Coplon, a Justice Department employee.

The 32-year-old Russian told Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind through an interpreter that, "as I stated at the last meeting of the court, I consider my diplomatic status makes this court have no jurisdiction over my case. As a diplomat, it is illegal for me to be brought here and judged by this court."

Judge Rifkind interrupted the Russian when he described how a "band of people dragged me from the street without showing identification papers."

Judge Rifkind explained that the court was providing a lawyer without charge and gave Gubitchev until tomorrow to decide whether he wants to accept the service of Fowler Hamilton, a former high Department of Justice official.

Law directories show that Fowler Hamilton, the "defense" attorney, whom Rifkind appointed, was Chief Legal Consultant of the Department of Justice in 1944 and 1945.

"Defense" Attorney Hamilton was also a special assistant to the Attorney General from 1938 to 1942, and served as chief of the Department's War Frauds Unit in the latter year.

Hold Parley on Bronx Rent Strike

A community conference to save rent control and support the rent strike of the 723 tenants at 2800 Bronx Park East was held last night at 683 Allerton Ave.

Organizations represented were the American Labor Party, Communist Party, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, Civil Rights Congress and the local parents association.

Among the speakers were Sol Salz, of the Bronx Council on Rents and Housing, and Adele Adams, of the Harlem Tenants and Consumer Council.

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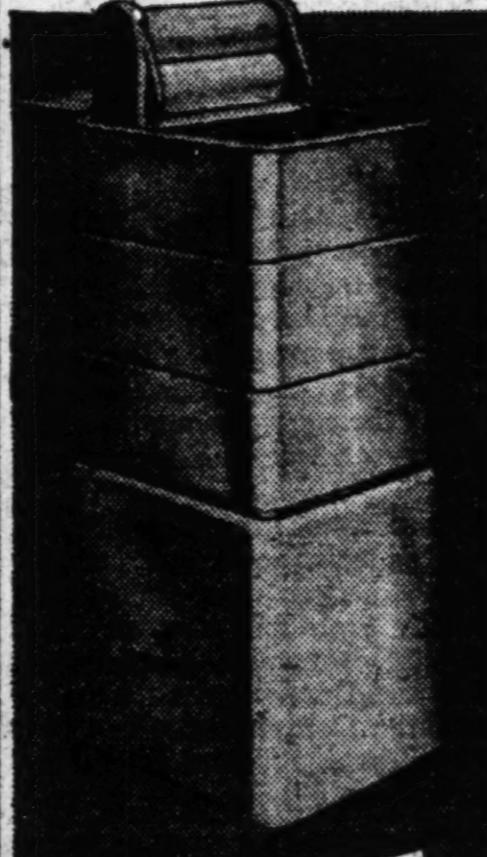
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Organizations participating in the dinner included the Lawyers Guild; National Association for Advancement of Colored People; Cook County Bar Association; Progressive Party; Civil Rights Congress; CIO United Packinghouse Workers; CIO United Electrical Workers; CIO Farm Equipment Workers and CIO United Public Workers.

OTHERS ON RECORD

Other organizations already on record against the measures include the State CIO; American Jewish Congress; American Veterans Committee; American Civil Liberties Union; Illinois Educational Association; Chicago Teachers Union; City Club and Citizens Schools Committee.

Students on college campuses stepped up their campaign against the bills and the witch-hunting investigations of the University of Chicago and Roosevelt College voted by the State Legislature.

At the University of Chicago, delegates from virtually every organization and dormitory on the campus formed a united committee to oppose the investigation and Broyles Bills.

Campus organizations uniting for the fight included the Student Government body; National Students Association; Young Republican Club; Young Progressives; Communist Club; Students for Democratic Action; Chicago Theological School; Meadville Theological Seminary, and the Daily Maroon, university newspaper.

At Roosevelt College, a similar overall campus group was formed to defeat the Broyles bills.

FACULTY JOIN

At Northwestern University, faculty members joined students in denouncing the fascist bills. An ad placed in the Daily Northwestern, campus newspaper, by the Progressive Students Association lashed them as "the most vicious bills in the history of American legislative bodies."

Protests were lodged by Prof. Ernest Samuels, acting on behalf of the American Association of University Professors chapter; Dr. Curtis MacDougal, Journalism School; and Dr. Arthur A. Nethercot, English Department.

"The Broyles Bills are fascist in intent and will be fascist in re-

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AIMS OF BILLS

They are designed to outlaw the Communist Party and virtually destroy liberal organizations by declaring membership in Communist or "Communist-front" organizations to be a felony subject to jail terms of from one to five years.

They proscribe registration of all organizations with more than 20 members and loyalty oaths for school teachers and state employees.

Governor Adlai Stevenson is reported to be opposed to the Broyles police-state bills now in the State Legislature, according to political sources close to the governor.

Indications of Stevenson's stand became known after a private conference with his top advisers at public statements against them at the main subject under discussion.

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MINERS ACT

GILLESPIE, Ill., March 14.—Local 1, Progressive Miners of America, the union's largest local, has denounced the Broyles bills and urged local state legislators to defeat them.

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Bishop to Lead Deportation Protest

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Maurice de Barral, said that French men and women "who really chose freedom—and fought for it" had constituted themselves into a national vigilance committee to prevent the horrors of another war which would devastate France.

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be used in the enterprise for its own workers; 30 percent will be deposited in the North-east Bank in a General Labour Insurance Fund.

A worker injured or taken sick at work will receive free medical treatment and full wages. If disabled on the job he will receive a monthly life pension of up to 60 per cent of his wages. In the event of his death all funeral expenses will be paid (not exceeding two months' wages) and for 10 years his immediate dependents will receive a benefit of up to 50 percent of his or her monthly wage, as well as priority for work in the factory. Orphaned children will receive free education.

In case of sickness or injury outside work, for three months the worker receives 50 to 100 per cent of his monthly wage and free medical care from the factory fund, but this comes from the general labor fund if he is incapacitated for life.

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Women will receive 45 days off with full pay before and after childbirth with a special maternity benefit. A working man's family also receives free medical treatment in hospital and reduced rates for medicines; a funeral benefit of up to one-third the worker's monthly wage is also available for a dependent.

In distinction to capitalist countries, all the labour insurance fund is covered by the state while the trade unions and workers themselves take a direct part in its administration. Any balances left from the fund will be used for workers' welfare, orphanages, schools or homes for old workers.

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Chicago Groups Launch Fight on Police-State Bills

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, March 14.—A committee to fight the six Broyles police-state bills introduced in the State Legislature was formed at a dinner convened by the National Lawyers Guild, presided over by Earl Dickerson, Negro attorney and local Lawyers Guild president.

Japan Labor Fights Back at MacArthur Edict

TOKYO, March 13 (ALN).—Japanese labor has begun its counterattack against the government anti-union and starvation-wage drive which Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation headquarters has been backing.

March began with strikes in the electrical industry, railways and shipping.

The electrical workers are asking for a higher minimum wage to be retroactive to last November, with provision for sliding-scale adjustments when the cost of living rises.

Railwaymen want 18 percent more in wages, restoration of the legal right to strike recently curtailed on MacArthur's prompting and no taxation on wage incomes. They ask reinstatement of discharged government employees (most Japanese railroads are government-owned) and shortening of the 48-hour week. They have also called for political action to throw out Premier Sigeru Yoshida's government.

Japanese seamen are refusing to do any overtime work until their demands for higher basic wages are satisfied.

Japan's 400,000 chemical workers are following in the footsteps of the coal miners, who recently achieved their goal of one big union for the whole industry. Unity discussions are now proceeding between different chemical unions. If they succeed, the fighting power of Japanese labor will be greatly strengthened.

Local 1-S Seeks to Organize Gertz Store

Independent Department Store Local 1-S (Macy's) announced yesterday that it would undertake organization of the Gertz store in Jamaica.

Samuel Kovenetsky, president of the local, expressed confidence that the drive would succeed despite competition from the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the AFL Retail Clerks International Association.

Earlier, Dickerson had dispatched a Lawyers Guild brief blasting the Broyles bills to all members of the legislature.

Organizations participating in the dinner included the Lawyers Guild; National Association for Advancement of Colored People; Cook County Bar Association; Progressive Party; Civil Rights Congress; CIO United Packinghouse Workers; CIO United Electrical Workers; CIO Farm Equipment Workers and CIO United Public Workers.

OTHERS ON RECORD

Other organizations already on record against the measures include the State CIO; American Jewish Congress; American Veterans Committee; American Civil Liberties Union; Illinois Educational Association; Chicago Teachers Union; City Club and Citizens Schools Committee.

Students on college campuses stepped up their campaign against the bills and the witch-hunting investigations of the University of Chicago and Roosevelt College voted by the State Legislature.

At the University of Chicago, delegates from virtually every organization and dormitory on the campus formed a united committee to oppose the investigation and Broyles Bills.

Campus organizations uniting for the fight included the Student Government body; National Students Association; Young Republican Club; Young Progressives; Communist Club; Students for Democratic Action; Chicago Theological School; Meadville Theological Seminary, and the Daily Maroon, university newspaper.

At Roosevelt College, a similar overall campus group was formed to defeat the Broyles bills.

FACULTY JOIN

At Northwestern University, faculty members joined students in denouncing the fascist bills. An ad placed in the Daily Northwestern, campus newspaper, by the Progressive Students Association lashed them as "the most vicious bills in the history of American legislative bodies."

Protests were lodged by Prof. Ernest Samuels, acting on behalf of the American Association of University Professors chapter; Dr. Curtis MacDougal, Journalism School; and Dr. Arthur A. Nethercot, English Department.

"The Broyles Bills are fascist in intent and will be fascist in re-

sults," Dr. MacDougal declared.

The bills are sponsored by the State Seditious Activities Investigation Commission, headed by Senator Paul Broyles (R-Mt. Vernon), set up by the last General Assembly.

AIMS OF BILLS

They are designed to outlaw the Communist Party and virtually destroy liberal organizations by declaring membership in Communist or "Communist-front" organizations to be a felony subject to jail terms of from one to five years.

They proscribe registration of all organizations with more than 20 members and loyalty oaths for school teachers and state employees.

Governor Adlai Stevenson is reported to be opposed to the Broyles police-state bills now in the State Legislature, according to political sources close to the governor.

Indications of Stevenson's stand became known after a private conference with his top advisers at public statements against them at the main subject under discussion.

According to reliable reports, Stevenson expressed his opposition to the Broyles bills at the conference but declined to make any public statements against them at this time.

MINERS ACT

GILLESPIE, Ill., March 14.—Local 1, Progressive Miners of America, the union's largest local, has denounced the Broyles bills and urged local state legislators to defeat them.

A committee of three, including the local president, was elected to visit Senator Tim Donnelly and request that he vote against the Broyles bills.

Bishop to Lead Deportation Protest

The Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, of Salt Lake City Utah, will lead a delegation March 23 to the White House to urge the President to end the deportation drive, it was announced by Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The delegation with Bishop Moulton will be composed of the American-citizen wives, husbands and children of those facing deportation.

SENTENCED FOR SPYING



LED TO PRISON after being sentenced are the 15 Protestant clerics who were found guilty in Bulgaria of spying and black marketing. At right is Vassil Ziakov, who was given a life term.

2,000 at Ford's Halt Work to Hit Health Peril

By William Allan

DEARBORN, March 14.—Two thousand workers staged a half hour demonstration inside the Ford Rouge Press Steel Building last week, protesting the company's refusal to eliminate a health hazard.

The workers marched from the departments to the Building Superintendent's office and massed there while Art McPhaul, union committeeman, addressed them. The beef was that almost 100 grievances had been filed with the company to eliminate dripping oil from the presses.

The Superintendent, Andy Poplari, absented himself when the workers came marching up the aisles.

Never since the days of the 1941 strike has such a mass action been seen in the Rouge.

McPhaul told the workers that "we came here to talk to the Building Superintendent during our lunch period and though he isn't here there are enough of his stooges here to tell him what we have to say."

"This time it's not a strike, but unless the superintendent decides to settle this mess of grievances he has to take the responsibility."

McPhaul then held up a shirt of one of the workers, that dripped with oil, showing what was happening on the presses.

Archie Acciai, one-time progressive and now union building chairman, declared, "I don't know what we are going to do now that the superintendent is not here."

McPhaul's speech was greeted with a roar of applause while Acciai got a few polite handclaps.

The plantwide chairman of the Health and Safety Committee of the union is Lee "Loud-Speaker" Romano, local union vice-president. Romano was nowhere to be seen during the demonstration.

Several weeks ago Romano announced a "great victory" on Health and Safety, namely that he had won a concession that metal tops would be placed on top of

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"That's why they are organizing a plebiscite on the determination to preserve peace, and will ask people in every factory, workshop, office, village and farm throughout France what they think about the treaty the Government is about to sign," he said. Millions of signatures are sure to be collected, and lists bearing the original signatures will be forwarded to Washington.

LIBERATED CHINA GETS SOCIAL INSURANCE

NORTH SHENSI, March 14 (NCNA).—The North-east (Manchurian) Liberated Areas new social insurance act for employees in State enterprises is described as "one of the most significant victories of the Chinese labor movement."

Promulgated in January, 1949, this "Northeast State-Owned Enterprise War-time Labour Insurance Act" will come into full force April 1. It stipulates that each state-owned enterprise in Manchuria will set aside a sum amounting to 3 percent of its total wages for a social insurance to provide workers with sickness, accident, maternity, and medical and funeral benefits, old age disability pensions. 70 percent of this sum will

be used in the enterprise for its own workers; 30 percent will be deposited in the North-east Bank in a General Labour Insurance Fund.

A worker injured or taken sick at work will receive free medical treatment and full wages. If disabled on the job he will receive a monthly life pension of up to 60 per cent of his wages. In the event of his death all funeral expenses will be paid (not exceeding two months' wages) and for 10 years his immediate dependents will receive a benefit of up to 50 percent of his or her monthly wage, as well as priority for work in the factory. Orphaned children will receive free education.

In case of sickness or injury outside work, for three months the worker receives 50 to 100 per cent of his monthly wage and free medical care from the factory fund, but this comes from the general labor fund if he is incapacitated for life.

Aged workers will receive pensions. A working man of 55, with

25 years' service, or a working woman of 50, with 20 years' service and still working, will receive a pension of 10 to 20 per cent of his or her monthly wages from the Insurance Fund. On retirement they will get a monthly life pension equal to 60 percent of their wage.

Women will receive 45 days off with full pay before and after childbirth with a special maternity benefit. A working man's family also receives free medical treatment in hospital and reduced rates for medicines; a funeral benefit of up to one-third the worker's monthly wage is also available for a dependent.

In distinction to capitalist countries, all the labour insurance fund is covered by the state while the trade unions and workers themselves take a direct part in its administration. Any balances left from the fund will be used for workers' welfare, orphanages, schools or homes for old workers.

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Letters from the Shops and Roundhouses

A Plan on Layoffs

MADISON, Wis.

I was laid off several weeks ago from the Cisholt plant and have been looking for work both here and elsewhere. From what I have seen, production is down 30 per cent to 35 per cent in some industries in the Middle West. From my experiences I would like to propose some ideas for a program to help the unemployed.

There are two kinds of layoffs. One is where the worker has been fully employed and is laid off without warning, or with short notice. These people need severance pay.

The other kind is where employment is sporadic, and the weekly check is too low. Here a minimum weekly pay-check should be demanded.

While I favor a 30 hour week with 40 hours pay, in addition we should demand an extensive public works program at prevailing rates to keep up employment.

I understand that a number of Cisholt workers—mostly from the office force—have gotten themselves a lawyer and are fighting for severance pay.

Organization of the unemployed seems quite important. The labor unions' ought to do something about the fact that their laidoff members are in many cases being forced to accept other jobs at a lower rate of pay.

EX-CISHOLT WORKER

Is This Brotherhood?

WEST ALLIS, Wis.

The AFL Switchman's Union (SUNA) is trying to raid the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on the Milwaukee Road and the Northwestern here in Milwaukee.

Their organizers are stooping to the lowest means to achieve their aims. They are red-baiting the BRT members, and even turning the names of BRT men to the bosses when they come late to work. They even went to government sources and charged that BRT members violated the Railway Labor Act.

It hurts all railroad men when such tactics are used. It's no wonder that the SUNA has now only 5,100 members nationally where it used to have 30,000 members, if the tactics of their organization here are a sample of their national policies.

We certainly need unity among the rails more than ever now. On the C & NW the Diesels they are putting in will wipe out many division points in Wisconsin, and turn Milwaukee into a whistlestop. They will eliminate men with 25 years and more rights.

By the way, now that the RR companies are on a sitdown strike against their employees, practically locking out tens of thousands, you don't notice "Injunction Harry" Truman throwing any injunctions at THEM like he did at us during the strike, do you?

B of RT MEMBER

What's On?

Coming

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY Ball, Local 16, UOPWA. Saturday night, Penthouse, 13 Astor Place. Continuous dancing. Subs \$1.50.

DELICIOUS CHINESE DINNER prepared by Ch. Tong, editor China Daily News, Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., 405 W. 41st St. Hear Law Shau, author "Rickshaw Boy," and Howard Fast on "Cultural Achievements of the Victorious Chinese People." Phone Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy, RR 9-6342, for reservations, \$2.50 each.

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What Price Seniority?

Cleveland O.

They have laid off men with 10 years seniority at White Motor. But there's more to it than this. If a man is bumped from his job he can't take a job at a lower rate without losing his seniority on the higher paid job.

This is the kind of union agreement worked out by Mr. Pat O'Malley who recently was elected head of the Cleveland CIO Council. And this is the kind of unionism practiced by this gang that demands that you accept their religion as well as their policy of being a pal of the boss.

AN EIGHT YEAR MAN

Attention Phil Murray

Canton, O.

Phil Murray sure raised hell if a man wanted to vote for Henry Wallace in the last election. If you didn't declare that Harry Truman was God's gift to the working class you stood in danger of losing your job in the mill.

Of course Murray won't let out a peep because the recording secretary of our Republic Local 1200, Paul Horner, is running for Sixth Ward Councilman on the Republican ticket. The Republican Party is all right with Murray—just you stay away from a party that supports the workers.

It would be interesting to the Canton steel workers if I. W. Abel, the regional director of the steel union, would make public what he has in his files about Horner.

REPUBLIC WORKER

He'd Cut the Red Tape

Cleveland, O.

I am under a UE agreement. The union does a good job, but there is one thing that should be thrown out when the next contract comes up. That's the grievance procedure. We just get all tied up in knots and the company generally wins. I have worked in a good many shops and I tell you the best thing to clear up misunderstandings is just to stop work. The boss thinks better when you help him this way.

G. E. WORKER.

Layoffs, Speedup--Crisis Signals

By Labor Research Association

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION continues to move downward. The slump in capital goods production is now admitted and should be carefully watched. Layoffs and cutbacks in this section of the economy will have the greatest influence on the general trend.

Meanwhile it is interesting to note that, despite the rise in unemployment, the top leaders of the NAM (and the AFL) are still singing much the same tune as they sang before the downturn began.

They are still calling for higher production, greater productivity. That was their solution for inflation and high prices. It is apparently also their panacea for depression. The Journal of Commerce editorially praises the AFL leaders for their linking of wage increases to calls for greater productivity.

IT WILL BE recalled that the NAM oracles were loud in their prediction that more and more production was the only way, under their dreamworld "free economy," to bring down prices and making working-class consumers happy.

The production was forthcoming. The workers turned out the stuff. The production indices pushed upward.

But the payoff was not what the NAM had promised in its full-page anti-OPA ads. Prices for consumers have not yet dropped except microscopically. They have fallen in those lines more affected by the weather than by the goodwill of the members of the NAM. The farmers have taken a beating on prices; but consumers are still paying through the nose as the monopolists hold retail prices at extortionate levels.

So, instead, of lower prices the workers are getting pink slips. The reward for the big burst of production is a series of layoffs, cutbacks and furloughs with part-time work, increased workloads and

We Stroke a Good Fire

Barberton, O.

Glad that you printed that story about Babcock & Wilcox. It was passed around in the shop and I guess just about everybody read it. If a man is bumped from his job he can't take a job at a lower rate without losing his seniority on the higher paid job.

EX-WORKERS' ALLIANCE

The Kind of Plug That Counts

Akron, O.

I have read your paper several times but the best one yet is the one where you told about the 25-cent wage demand. You've got Buckmaster's number, all right. Those of us who have been in the union a long time know that he won't stand up to the companies in a fight.

I am enclosing a subscription for your paper, as I think I ought to get it regularly. Keep printing news about rubber. We don't get much in the union paper.

GOODYEAR TIRE BUILDER

Lysenko Pro and Con

Cleveland, O.

Editor, Ohio Worker:

Local teachers of science are split over the Lysenko affair. Lysenko has many admirers, but his supporters are scared to mention his name.

One distinguished scholar recently gave an hour's illustrated talk which was nothing more or less than an exposition and championship of Lysenko's views. Incidentally, he is not a radical and is a devout Protestant churchgoer. To his intimates he will express a guarded bit of admiration for Lysenko.

Another top flight man called Lysenko a charlatan. He has found it easy to swing into the Hitlerite assault on science and culture at home.

INSTRUCTOR

Reuther Pal on the Ropes

Toledo, O.

Keep punching at Dick Gosser. The workers are getting him on the ropes and will get rid of this management stooge if everybody keeps punching.

FRIEND FROM SPICER.

RR Speedup—Layoffs

Milwaukee, Wis.

Things are getting slack where I work at the Milwaukee Road Shops. I understand 1,800 were laid off. They are supposed to come back March 15th, but I wonder if they will?

Our Negro fellow workers got laid off first. Because of seniority rules, I suppose we'll be bumping each other down the ladder soon. I don't understand why so many are not in the union out there. We need to have stronger unions now more than ever. The company is speeding us up. They're trying to make two gangs do the work of three. We used to make ten cars with three gangs; now they have two gangs making eight cars.

A lot of carmen have been demoted to helpers, getting \$1.16 an hour where they got \$1.34. Even foremen or "lead men" as they're called, are put down to carmen. Even the head "lead man" now has to work instead of telling others to do it.

RR CARMAN.

Dirty Deal at AC

Milwaukee, Wis.

There's a reason why the present leadership of Local 248 is beginning to fight among themselves and put up different slate for office. The workers at Allis Chalmers have got a dirty deal under the new contract and are getting fed up with the policies we have gotten as a present from Reuther and his loyal supporters here.

Now we have to battle it out with the management individually on grievances. Collective bargaining is shot. Stewards get no backing from the local leadership on any matter of importance. Individual bargaining, which is no bargaining at all, is what we have back—just like we had before we formed Local 248.

248 MEMBER.

Jobs for Negroes

Milwaukee, Wis.

You probably know that Seaman Body Corp. has never employed Negro workers. For years some of us have fought for jobs for our Negro brothers and sisters. Our President, Herman Steffes, has fought against this.

Now, over Herman's opposition, after the steward body and executive board have taken a stand favoring hiring of "all minorities," the membership meeting of Local 75 has voted in favor of that stand.

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Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

European Recovery And the Prune Industry

DON'T STOP ME, even if you've heard the story—the one about the thousand Italian tractors now rusting away somewhere in northern Italy. According to Michael L. Hoffman, economic authority for the New York Times, these tractors are not finding their logical markets. Eastern Europe would certainly like to buy Italian tractors; thereby Italy would not only keep her factories going and her workers employed, but she would be getting Polish coal, Romanian oil, perhaps Soviet timber, things for which the Italian government now pays in dollars, and which in turn come out of the pockets of American taxpayers.

But the ECA mission in Rome, headed by James Zellerbach of the California firm of Crown-Zellerbach, put the nix sign on Italian trade with the East. The idea is that eastern Europe must not have access to materials which can be called "strategic."

HOW ABOUT western Europe? France, for example, is striving to expand her agricultural production. In fact, by producing more of her own food, France would be able to reduce her imports from the dollar areas, and that is supposed to be another Marshall Plan objective.

But Hoffman tells us that "United States tractor exporters, with the support of ECA missions, are successfully persuading the French and other western governments not to shift purchases from United States products to Italian."

In other words, despite the talk of getting the Europeans to help themselves and trade among themselves, the American businessman is pushing hard to unload whatever he can.

AS THE AMERICAN economic machine falters, this tendency becomes even more pronounced. The other day a group of Congressmen from our fruit-growing areas met with the head of the ECA, and demanded ECA funds to sell dried fruits abroad. It was alleged that Congress should be asked for some \$100,000,000 for this purpose. And if that can't be found, the Marshall Plan countries should be quietly advised to put requests for dried fruit on their "shopping lists."

The same thing is happening among wheat-growers, who face surpluses here just as the western European countries are enjoying their first really good post-war harvest and therefore wish to cut down on food imports. In fact, the flour milling interests demanded that 25 percent of all wheat shipments should be in milled form—thus satisfying their own profit needs at the expense of European millers. The ECA has yielded to the extent of requiring 15 percent.

Coal operators are anxious to maintain shipments abroad, even though European coal production is rising. Machine tool interests, especially those who may not get hold of the fat re-armament contracts, want subsidies for the flooding of western Europe, too—although western Europe is a vast machine-tool producing area, and allegedly, the ERP is supposed to help it revive.

IT'S INTERESTING that when Britain proposed a week ago that the Marshall Plan countries reducing their purchases in the dollar area by 10 percent, it was roving ambassador Averill Harriman who stepped in and backed the continental opposition to this idea.

The December, 1948, report of the European Planning Committee warned that the Marshall Plan group as a whole will have a dollar deficit of at least three billion in 1952 unless dependence on the western hemisphere is cut down. But Harriman evidently feels that reducing imports from the dollar zone will benefit the British drive for markets at a time when American manufacturers are clamoring for a better grip on the gravy ladle.

Instead of vastly expanding our trade possibilities by changing our cold war policy and doing business with eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and the new China, Big Business is fighting for the lion's share of the greatly-narrowed western European market, even at the expense of those whom it is supposed to be aiding. This is a particularly impudent exhibition of cannibalism. Even before their bony counterparts of western Europe are fattened, the American industrialists are driven by their own growing hunger pains to feed on those whom they are supposed to be helping to health.

VIRGIL—An Eye to the Future

By Len Kleis



Letters from Readers

Vivid Memories In 'Fighting Words'

Philadelphia.

Editor, Daily Worker:
I want to express my great appreciation of Fighting Words.

What a wonderful book it is! What a record—unique in America and, indeed, in the world, for nowhere is there any kind just like it.

I think it was a great idea for the 25th anniversary of the paper. I have subscribed to the Daily Worker from the beginning, and this book brings back so many things still very vivid in my memory.

It makes me feel a special pride in my recent connections with the paper.

Anna M. W. Pennypacker.

Need For Seven-Hour Day

Milwaukee

Editor, Daily Worker:

The problem that seems to be developing in the larger cities at present is that of unemployment. The shortages which were developed during the war are being eliminated, and a condition of overproduction is developing. Unless this social condition of over-production is reduced in some manner, and unless consumption is increased, depression may develop.

It is known among economists

that a relatively few hours of work a week, intelligently organized, would be sufficient to adequately feed, clothe and house the individual.

Considering these facts, unless the developing unemployment problem is eliminated by business conditions within the near future, Congress should enact the establishment of the 7-hour day and the 35-hour week, with a provision for overtime for work periods exceeding these limits. If the situation becomes worse, Congress should reduce the legal work day even further.

Joseph Chobot.

Harbinger Of Crisis

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

An interesting phenomenon known as the "Pyramid Club" has developed in the past two weeks—primarily among young people in the advertising, radio and other glamor professions. It's a sort of get-rich scheme, similar to the chain letter fads which were popular during the last depression.

The speed and frantic enthusiasm with which people have plunged into this movement is an alarming (if humorous) indication of the crisis—mood which logically hits first in such fields as advertising.

World of Labor

By George Morris

The Facts Back of the Mine Stoppage Are Bloody

CYNICAL newspaper writers would have you see John L. Lewis' call for a two-week mine stoppage as just another maneuver for power and collective bargaining advantage for himself and his union. But anyone who has ever observed the anguished face of a woman or a child outside a mine in wait of news from below will see things differently. The yearly slaughter and crippling of miners is now so routine in America that the idea of safety as the principal issue is generally ridiculed.

But safety is still the big unanswered question in the coal fields. Lewis, it may well be, has decided that it is time to tackle the problem in earnest. If he has, the results may prove of great historic importance. Precisely because the safety issue has long been the hardest nut to crack, it can be tackled only by a powerful union. The United Mine Workers is today probably at the top point of its strength.

In the 30 years since World War I ended, nearly 45,000 miners were killed. Injuries run well over 50,000 a year, often over 60,000. In 1944, the record year of coal production, 1,306 miners never came home alive while 63,691 were injured.

LAST YEAR, 1,015 miners were killed and 54,100 were injured. But the U. S. Bureau of Mines, in defense of James Boyd, its do-nothing director, cynically boasts that the year 1948 was the "safest" year. It is not the safest but the worst in many years, if the deaths and injuries are figured on the basis of the average time miners are exposed to mine disaster. The Bureau's own figures on the basis of the accident rate "per million man-hours of exposure" belie its claim.

It must also be recognized that the number of coal miners employed has greatly fallen and the output of coal per working miner has greatly increased. A comparison on the basis of deaths and injuries "per million tons" is therefore not an accurate one. Here are the Bureau's own figures, as published in the United Mine Workers Journal on the basis of "per million man-hours of exposure" in bituminous mines:

per million man-hours	actual number
Year	
killed	injured
1944	1.23
1945	1.11
1946	1.10
1947	1.27
1948	1.26
killed	injured
1,298	63,691
1,068	57,117
974	57,000
1,165	58,200
1,015	54,100

The frequency of accidents increased despite the fact that we have long passed the period of the reckless wartime push for coal production.

As the union's journal says:

"All of which makes it obvious that, despite the end of the big push for production and more production whatever the cost to the men who man the mines, American coal miners in 1948 faced more formidable odds, greater risk, in the game of preserving life and limb than they did five years ago under the the stress, strain, shortages and grueling nine-hour day of wartime."

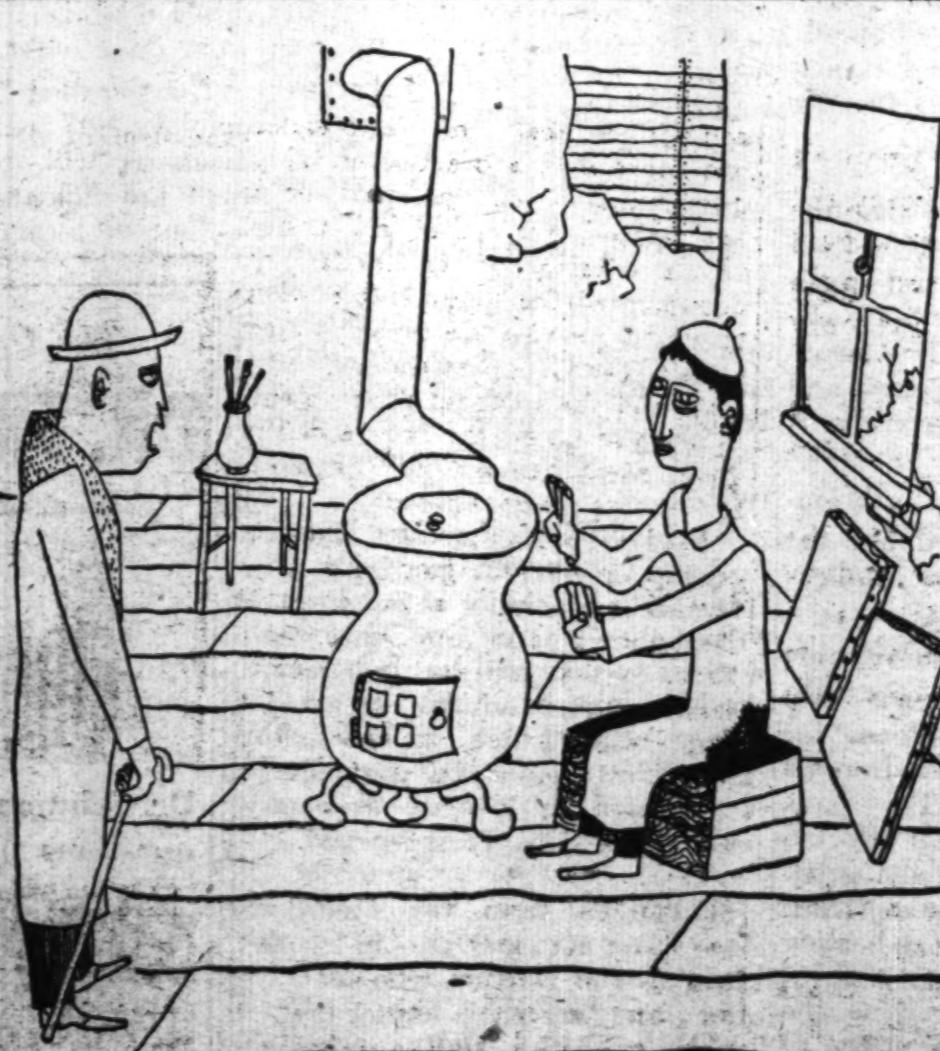
It isn't an exaggeration to say that safety and real enforcement of safety laws, and vesting the responsibility of enforcing safety in men the miners could trust, is a matter of life and death to coal miners.

James Boyd, the miners feel, has done an able job for the coal operators who invest their money in mines, not for the coal diggers. The miners decided on tackling up the problem in earnest and, to start with, get rid of Boyd, whose re-appointment is just another political plum in the President's book.

I doubt whether the miners believe that the mere choice of the man to fill the post of director of the bureau would solve the problem.

But it's as good a way to dramatize the issue and fire the opening shot of a big struggle as any. In this fight, as on the question of the welfare fund and wage scales, when the miners set a new mark the rest of the labor movement has a vital interest. The miners may be among those who suffer the greatest yearly sacrifice in lives and injuries, but theirs is only a percentage of the national total.

In 1947, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 17,000 were killed and over 2,000,000 were injured, 91,800 suffering permanent injury or loss of limb.



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By Fred Ellis

Higher Wages Needed

BREAKING ITS SILENCE on a fourth-round wage raise, the CIO News, in an editorial in its current issue, favors a "substantial" increase. The editorial views such an increase as a "corrective step" to save us from a depression.

A wage raise will not correct the basic social conditions of our present system which make us the victims of ever-returning and ever worse depressions. But any expression of desire to win better wages is a positive thing. If the CIO News expresses the actual views of the CIO's top leadership, then it is a welcome change.

Not very long ago, Walter Reuther and associates in the top leadership of the United Automobile Workers issued a statement to their members placing pensions as the number one objective and sidetracking a wage raise. CIO President Philip Murray voiced a similar stand at the Portland convention in November. Heads of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers said no raises would be sought.

But the National Committee of the Communist Party sensed what the workers need. Its statement issued a month ago and widely distributed in the unions, called for a united and vigorous wage fight. A sizable section of the CIO, including such right wing-led unions like the United Rubber Workers, many auto, steel and textile locals and, of course, the progressive-led unions, placed wages first in their demands.

As the CIO's editorial notes, prices aren't really going down to affect appreciably the worker's wage standard. Some of the latest reports on profits serve to underscore more strongly than ever that skyrocketing prices meant a profit boom for the corporations. General Motors revealed yesterday that it cleared \$440,447,724 net for 1948 compared with \$287,991,373 in 1947. The corporation boasts that high prices and good production (meaning speed-up) were responsible for its record take.

Belated as the CIO's interest in a wage raise is and however some of us may differ on "remedies" for a crisis, there can and shall be unity on a fight for substantial wage increases.

If the CIO News editorial really means something, then there shouldn't be much difficulty for an agreement among CIO unions for a joint coordinated struggle for a fourth round.

That would enable labor to win, as in earlier days, a high "wage pattern" and to smash the maneuvers of the trusts to defeat the unions one by one.

Hypocritical Horror

THE SURPRISED HORROR expressed by City Hall in New York at the discovery that its phones were being tapped is something of a joke.

The City Hall itself keeps a large supply of police busy tapping other people's phones—only it happens that these are the phones of progressives and others. The police department also has a special squad for invading people's homes without warrants. Both of these facts were recently brought out by an investigation.

The mania for tapping phones, snooping into people's brains to find out what they think, and for general "thought control" on the police state style is growing fast. It is part of the "cold war" mentality which, in its alleged struggle "against communism," is wiping out democracy not only in Europe but in the U.S.A. as well.

Right at this minute, the Truman administration is sponsoring a bill to permit the Attorney General to listen in on every phone call in the country.

Included also is the right to open all mail, read all telegrams and compel every American "who has knowledge" of the politics of a foreign country to register as a foreign agent. If you don't you go to jail. Clark expects to rush these bills after the country has been heated up by the trial of the 12 Communist leaders.

The political squabble between City Hall and its GOP opponents has brought out into the open the ugly methods which are traditional with the capitalist class. Only this time they are applying their ugly tricks to one another instead of, as is usual, to the progressive movement.

The way to keep our country free and clear of these vile police state tricks is to stop using them against the progressive movement. It is the anti-Communist witch-hunt which inevitably breeds the snoop, the police spy and the stoolie. The labor spy—the hidden stoolie. In the unions and in the working class parties—is coming into his own on the wave of the anti-Soviet, anti-Communist hysteria.



Negro Rights Parley Sets Broad Basis for Action

By Pettis Perry

(Secretary of the National Negro Commission of the Communist Party)

IT HAS BEEN three weeks now since more than 1,000 delegates gathered in Washington from all over the country at the Legislative Assembly to End Discrimination. This was truly an historic and significant gathering, contrary to reports appearing in the Negro press, the Pittsburgh Courier, Chicago Defender, etc., which by innuendo suggested that the conference was a turmoil.

This conference was the broadest of any conference that has taken place in Washington, according to many people who have had experience with such gatherings. This conference did not limit itself to such things as anti-lynch, anti-politax, FEPC, etc., or just to civil liberties in general.

While all these issues were discussed, the conference nevertheless began to particularize some of the important features that go to make up a civil rights program. For example, instead of viewing lynchings and discrimination as being perpetrated by ignorant mobsters among the poor whites, etc., it took note of the increasing organized police attacks against the Negro people.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

The conference further took note of the worsening condition of the Negro people, and came to the conclusion that this oppression was more than a practice of racial discrimination on the part of a few people, but rather is a policy of Government on all levels. It documented the innumerable ways in which Negroes are discriminated against and oppressed by city, state and the national government. It likewise noted the failure of the government to act on demands for ending these abuses.

Many people thought that in coming to Washington this conference was simply a gathering of Republicans and the Progressive Party, to embarrass the Democratic administration. Before the Conference ended, however, this theory had been repudiated. In fact, J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, in his opening address stated, "Shame on the 80th Congress. Shame on the 81st Congress" clearly noting that in neither Congress had any serious effort been made to pass any civil rights legislation. The dominant note of the conference was for unity on a non-partisan basis.

This was a non-Red-baiting conference. All the principal speakers, from Perry Howard on (member of the National Committee of

the Republican Party) stressed the need of all political faiths to come together and remain in an all-out fight in every locality as well as on a state and national scale on concrete demands confronting the Negro people. The conference likewise took note of the hideous Jimcrows in Washington, and called upon all participant organizations and all friends of the Negro people to unite in a struggle to end this outrage. It called for support of the Marcantonio Bill, which would strike a blow at Washington Jimcrows.

TRIAL OF 12

The report of attorney Ernest Goodman of Detroit on the civil rights panel brought out sharply the trial of the Communists, and the Clark bill for wire tapping, and did a great service in further heightening the militancy and unity of the conference. The conference decided that his report should not only be adopted but should be mimeographed and sent to all delegates.

A high point was the lively discussion, both in the panel and on the floor of the general assembly,

(To Be Continued)

SAVED FROM FLAMING TRUCK



PINNED IN THE CAB of his flaming gasoline truck after a crackup in Martinez, Calif., William Cox waits for rescuers to get him out of the inferno. Firemen finally hooked a tractor to the truck and literally pulled it apart to free the trapped man. The truck exploded a few minutes after Cox was removed.

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

A FRIEND who sent a \$10 contribution for the Defense fund also enclosed two interesting pieces of labor literature of nearly 70 years ago. He found them among the belongings of his grandfather, a Scotch-Irish glassblower, who was one of the first leaders of a labor organization in the Ohio Valley.

The propaganda seems astonishingly up to date. One is a "Notice to the Knights of Labor," published in East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1882, stating, "You are hereby notified to keep away from the potters of the following named parties until the difficulty between the employer has been adjusted." It lists nine plants for workers to stay clear of. It would be a radical leaflet today under the Taft-Hartley Law.

A pamphlet published in 1885.

Java Guerillas Increase Action

BATAVIA, Java, March 14.—Dutch and Indonesian troops were today reported fighting near Buitenzorg, only 80 miles south of here, as the Indonesians began their largest guerilla operations in the Batavia area in more than a year.

The Dutch acknowledged that heavy fighting also raged in eastern central and western Java and admitted fighting raged around Jogjakarta.

Dr. J. F. Dekker, spokesman for the Netherlands Department of Economic Affairs, admitted in Soerabaya today that 19 coffee, tea and rubber plantations have been closed down in Dutch-occupied Java because of increasing guerilla activities.

Buy an extra copy of the Daily Worker from your newsstand. Your shop-mate wants the truth about the trial of the "12 x 12 Million". And what ought to be done to save our Bill of Rights.

Press Roundup

THE TIMES talks militant as all get out on the Senate filibuster, now that it is obvious to everyone that the Truman administration has sold out the civil rights battle: "It is intolerable that this nation should long permit a few arrogant men, in these times of peril and crisis, to retain the power to tie up the public business."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S Walter Lippmann says that "Israel can never be a Soviet satellite because it is a maritime state within the orbit of British-American sea power; and because it can only draw upon the western industrial nations for the capital goods needed to develop its territory." On the other hand, "Israel cannot be the political enemy of the Soviet Union and of Eastern Europe because from there must be drawn the people to populate the country."

THE MIRROR wonders whether the mine holiday may not indicate that the Taft-Hartley Law is not strong enough.

THE NEWS uses a coyly-named "friend," "J. Ironhead McNasty, to



Life of the Party

tells of 2,000 steel workers locked out in midwinter at Braddock, Pa., and how "Czar Carnegie" blacklisted over 100 men at the Edgar Thompson Steel works. Methods tried out first at Conelvile Coke Works were invoked. "Pinkerton guards were hired to protect the property and Winchester rifles were used. A dead line was drawn over which no union man was allowed to pass." It tells how foreign-born labor, who could not speak English, were herded in to work in the steel plant. The "no work" order followed the union workers from plant to plant. To quote:

"One man was discharged from Homestead and three other mills where he had secured work. He learned that Capt. Jones (of the Braddock plant) was responsible each time. Meeting Jones on the street he told him what he knew, and that he was going to apply for work in one more mill, and then he said, 'If I am discharged from there through you, both you and I will be dead men.'

Another instance is of a boy of 17, son of a Civil War soldier's widow, who was washing for a living, since her boy was put out of the mill for good, for posting bills for a union picnic. The Braddock workers switched from Republican to Democrat in protest. The Republican Party "protects only the monopolist and capitalist," they declared. Labor should have caught up with the Democratic Party by now.

OUR READER adds some recollections of his own. "Although I grew up in a working-class atmosphere, my first introduction to struggle was in 1924 when the musicians' union of Wheeling, W. Va., gave a benefit performance for the widows and orphans of the '84 miners who were killed in McMechen in a mine blast early that year, resulting from a lack of safety equipment.

"Never, as long as I live, will I forget the faces and appearances of those poor victims as they filed in to the hall and took their seats in the first row. Later I was to become acquainted with two very refined ladies, who lived in a

luxurious apartment in New York, adorned like the lilies of the field, who existed wholly on an income from their shares in West Virginia mines."

That's not changed, unfortunately, after 70 more years of capitalism. But it can't last forever.

Last year, 55,115 coal miners were killed and injured in the nation's mines. The most terrible recent accident occurred at Centralia, Ill., in 1947, where 111 miners died, due to wilful negligence of the company, the state and the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

At this writing the coal miners east of the Mississippi are not working for a two-week period of memorial, which they have a right to declare under their contract. Possibly Cardinal Spellman, who is "proud of being a strikebreaker," and his group of trained diggers would like to take over the coal mines.

The union opposes the appointment by President Truman of Dr. Boyd as ignorant, incompetent, and unqualified to serve as director of the Federal Bureau of Mines. In 1947 while he supervised "safety," 1,165 coal miners

were killed and 63,000 injured. An Amended Federal Safety Code is demanded by the union from the 81st Congress, after an unsuccessful struggle to get it from the 80th Congress.

WHETHER COAL MINERS

live or die is of the gravest concern to themselves, their families, their union and should be to all other Americans. Blood on the coal, the unnecessary and avoidable slaughter of thousands of brave coal miners, is squarely placed before the nation by this dramatic action of the miners. The miners will find plenty to do around the house, which always needs tinkering, and in their gardens. Over 2,000 men who might have been hurt or killed in these two weeks according to last year's figures will escape a little longer.

Needless to say, the coal operators are all for Boyd. The papers comment that there is a 60 days supply of coal above ground. Well, there'll be less two weeks from now.

Cardinal Spellman may be able to train his own gravediggers but it takes coal miners to operate a

modern mechanized mine. It will be interesting to hear what new epithet President will hurl at the coal miners, since he's already used up "SOB" and "traitor."

The miners can use language, too. While Truman's vacationing in Key West, they demand from him "the first repeal of the hideous monstrosity known as the Taft-Hartley law." (Miners' Journal).

SPEAKING of old records, I happened to be going over a 1941 copy of Equal Justice, the quarterly published then by the International Labor Defense.

I see that Congressman Hobbes has been trying for all these years to put through his infamous Concentration Camp Bill in which he originally proposed but who, for any reason, cannot be returned to the country of their origin. He's still at it, as if a war against fascism never happened and thousands of foreign-born American men and women had not made signal contributions to winning it.

It would be much easier to get along without Hobbes than without the foreign-born men and women who are so basic to our country. In the 80's Big Business welcomed them to help smash labor unions. It did not work. Today they are trying to deport leaders of the people as foreign-born.

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Wiretappers

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grand jury regarding wire-tapping.

The former city detective for whom a 13-state alarm was out showed up at noon at his attorney's office at the Woolworth Building. Both men went by taxi to the D. A.'s office. Ryan said he "wasn't worried" because he "hadn't violated any law." He refused to reveal where he had stayed during his two days as fugitive.

"My client believes he is in the clear," said Murray, "and did nothing wrong in escaping. During the interrogation at City Hall, he was told he was not under arrest."

ACE WIRE-TAPPER

Ryan was an ace wire-tapper for the LaGuardia administration and also for the O'Dwyer regime until he resigned in 1947. His resignation came shortly after he was demoted, for reasons his records fail to disclose, and "exiled" to the Bronx. It was this sudden falling from grace with city officials that led to speculation that Ryan was working off a grudge against the city administration by working with its Republican opponents.

The surrender was made known to O'Dwyer by his executive secretary William J. Donoghue. Reporters were querying the Mayor on Clendenin Ryan who made a 10 a.m. appearance at the Hall. To all questions on Clendenin Ryan, the Mayor commented, "I knew he would show up."

It was then that reporters dashed madly across City Hall Park to the Woolworth Building to interview Ryan and his attorney Murray.

Clendenin Ryan's statement on an ambassadorship created a minor sensation prior to Ryan's surrender.

Ryan claimed the offer of ambassadorship came to him last week from Ben Sonnenberg, Park Avenue public relations counselor. He said Sonnenberg had received a telephone call from Ambassador of the Argentine, James Bruce, in which Bruce assured Sonnenberg that the post of Ambassadorship to France was open to Ryan if he quit needling O'Dwyer.

Sonnenberg yesterday denied the entire story. He said he neither talked to Bruce nor Ryan.

Clendenin Ryan swept into City Hall yesterday calling Mayor O'Dwyer "yellow" and "lazy" and laughing off the entire wire-tapping scheme as a "fake and corny" machination of O'Dwyer, inspired by Frank Costello, ex-convict and slot-machine king tied to Tammany Hall. The multi-millionaire Ryan sent a series of questions to the Mayor last week on Costello's connection with City Hall which the Mayor has ignored thus far.

Yesterday's question hurled at the Mayor by Ryan was "Is Costello the Super-Mayor and Commissioner in charge of Vice and Corruption?"

When asked by reporters whether he would waive immunity before the Grand Jury, Ryan replied, "I am not hiding behind the statute of limitations like the Mayor or Constitutional rights like the Communists."

He said he was subpoenaed in an attempt to "frame" him so he would give up his "campaign for good government." Later in the D.A.'s office, Ryan repeated a Latin phrase he used the day before, "Delendus est Costello," meaning "Costello must be destroyed." When it was pointed out that his quotation of the day before had been incorrect—using *dele* instead of *delendus*—Ryan countered with, "I haven't read the *Latin* Wars since boarding school."

SWEET BEE-SINESS



MISS TEMPLE TEXAS was chosen to reign as "Honey Queen VIII" in the Florida Honey Jubilee at Bee Ridge, Fla., the home of some 400,000 bees.

SET UP FIGHT AGAINST ALBANY WITCHHUNT BILLS

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to be definitely against the McMullen bill as "unconstitutional."

Hanley is also reported to be urging repeal of the Condon-Wadlin bill.

Incidentally, Sen. William F. Condon not only will strongly back the McMullen bill, but is ready to propose legislation "outlawing all unions from public service."

The Westchester reactionary also said that 500 civil service workers who struck in Yonkers "will be fired tomorrow."

The UPW delegation was followed later in the day by the CIO Teachers Union, which is being singled out in all the anti-union and blacklist measures flooding the legislature. In addition to the McMullen Bill, which bars teachers who are "members of the Communist Party" from holding jobs, the Mauhs Bill, the Scanlan Bill and the Board of Regents measures all aim to sweep out of the public school system every progressive thought and independent educator.

ASK PUBLIC HEARING

Arthur Schutze, ALP state executive secretary, today requested Lt. Gov. Hanley and Assembly speaker Oswald D. Heck to strike from the calendar the McMullen and Scanlan legislation "until a public hearing on measures is held."

Schutze wired these two Republican leaders to expect a large Labor Party delegation tomorrow. He charged that both houses are flouting the legislative rules to rush these bills through without proper committee hearings or public debate.

Speaker Heck's office disclosed that protest telegrams poured in over the week-end and indicated a mounting public resistance to the bills. However, a spokesman for his office said it was unlikely any public hearings would be held, since "it's too late in the session for that."

Public hearings can still be held, since the session, scheduled to end this month, now seems certain to extend into the middle of April. If the witch-hunt legislation can be stymied in committees before being rushed on the floor for a

Medina Rejects Man Who Met Paul Robeson

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Communist book by Jan Valtin, 161 West 160th St.

Mrs. Gertrude Corwin, 350 West 57th St., housewife.

In two rounds of peremptory challenges Defense Attorneys excused six prospective jurors from the box. They were Lester A. Schiek, retired Metropolitan Life Insurance clerk; Roland Von Goeben, an accountant and a member of the American Legion; Myrtle Fensterheim, housewife; Edward T. Nelson, telephone equipment engineer; Mrs. Margaret B. White, retired Metropolitan Life Insurance clerk and apartment house manager, and Hamilton K. Kerr, retired stock broker and golf partner of former Secretary of Defense Forrestal.

During the day, the prosecution used only one peremptory chal-

His Honor Didn't Think It Mattered

The "Tool Owners Union," to which prospective juror Lester A. Schiek "contributed money," was referred to as follows by the New York State Board of Standards and Appeals, in rejecting a charter for the organization on Feb. 27, 1947:

"No more fascistic organization, with all the potentialities for undemocratic action and damage to our way of life, has yet come before the official attention of this board."

Judge Medina refused to question Schiek on this connection, and the defense was forced to use one of its precious challenges to throw him off the jury.

lege, removing Charles Zulanch, insurance salesman and former post office clerk.

When Ward announced he was a member of the Holy Name Society, defense attorney Harry Sacher asked the court to question the prospective juror further concerning his possible bias against the defendants. The judge asked Ward if any statements made by officers or representatives of the organization caused him to form any opinions as to the merits of the charge against the defendants.

Ward said he had not formed such opinions and that he was not prejudiced either for or against the defense. The court then moved on to other questions.

All of the 12 prospective jurors in the box testified that they had no bias one way or another in the case. But when defense attorneys pressed Judge Medina to question the talesman at greater length and in more detail concerning their political opinions and possible bias, he said he believed he had asked sufficient questions concerning these matters.

PENSION PLUS . . .

After brief examination by the court of Mrs. Margaret B. White, retired Metropolitan Life Insurance clerk, Judge Medina ordered the defense to begin the second round of peremptory challenges.

Mrs. White had testified that, besides drawing a pension from Metropolitan, she manages an apartment house owned by a relative.

Attorney Gladstein pointed out he had submitted several important questions to the court which were not put to the prospective jurors.

The judge said he had placed them in an envelope with a large number of other defense questions he had rejected earlier.

IGNORES FASCIST TIE-UP

Defense counsel asked the court to examine more extensively prospective juror Lester A. Schiek, retired Met Life clerk, concerning his admitted contributions to the Tool Owners Union, officially tagged as a "fascistic organization."

Judge Medina declined, stating: "If I asked all the questions you submit we would be here for months."

Gladstein then arose and excused Mrs. White, Mr. Schiek and Roland Von Goeben, accountant and member of the American Legion. The judge had refused to excuse the three for cause and three peremptory challenges were used up by the defense.

MET ROBESON-OUT

Replacing Von Goeben was William Harris, who told the court he had become acquainted with Paul Robeson, world-famed singer and actor, 24 years ago aboard a steamship bound for Europe, and that he had again met Robeson boarding a plane in Los Angeles four years ago.

Medina asked Harris if he would believe the testimony of Robeson if Robeson was called as a wit-

ness for the defense. Harris said he would. Judge Medina promptly excused him for cause.

Mrs. Ida F. Howell, a Negro housewife of 44 Edgecombe Ave., took Harris' seat in the box. Mrs. Eva Mendelsohn, housewife of 335 West End Ave., took the place of Schiek, and Mrs. Eugenie Oberwager, housewife of 610 W. 145 St., took the place of Mrs. White.

Medina asked the new prospects if they had any prejudice. They all said they had none. He told them to keep their minds as blank as "this sheet of paper I hold in my hand." They nodded assent.

READ VALTIN BOOK

Mrs. Oberwager testified she had read *Out of the Night*, by Jan Valtin. This violent anti-Communist book, she said, had not prejudiced her in any way against the defendants. She claimed she remembered "very little" about the book.

Mrs. Mendelsohn testified she had a son, a former Navy pilot, presently working on a Colorado State animal husbandry project, and a nephew with the United Nations.

The judge said he didn't think the UN post could be considered a government job. This was disputed by Attorney Sacher. Mrs. Mendelsohn insisted, however, that she could not be swayed in her decisions as a juror by her relatives.

During the morning session the court excused for the duration of jury examination defense attorneys A. J. Isserman and George W. Crockett Jr., to attend to other matters in the case. The excuse was not granted until all defendants arose and stated they approved of the attorneys' absence.

Miners Out

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make it tougher to repeal the Taft-Hartley Law.

UMW officials scoffed at both attacks. One spokesman, who declined to allow use of his name, said the mine workers had always been the whipping boy whenever they attempted to do something.

Another said the Taft-Hartley repealer was a "dead duck" before the stoppage was called. He said it was plain that the Administration wanted to retain the Taft-Hartley Law as long as possible to keep a club over the heads of the mine union when negotiations come up in June.

Meanwhile, the legislation giving Federal inspectors the power to shut down unsafe mines remained stalled in House and Senate labor committees. Introduced early in the session, House joint resolution 165 and Senate bill 1031 are languishing in the committees, awaiting a report from the Department of Interior. The Bureau of Mines is in the Interior Department.

The UMW has sought such legislation for years, but coal operators have always increased their pressure on Congress when the bills were considered in previous sessions.

Say Chiang Premier Gave Girl \$650,000

NANKING, March 14.—A Control Yuan committee has voted eight to seven to impeach outgoing Premier Sun Fo for allegedly reimbursing a Shanghai girl friend with \$650,000 (U.S.) government funds for dyestuffs seized as puppet property, a reliable source said today.

The Control Yuan, one of the five divisions of the Kuomintang government, has the powers of audit and impeachment.

'IF IT SAVES A LIFE, IT'S WORTH IT'

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stated as Martin Putt put it:

"The price of coal and our pay is based on a six-day week. But when most mines are only working five days or less, a man's wages should be based on a five-day week."

We stopped for a bottle of milk

at the little general store at Lawrence. Angelo Bizzelli, a miner, whose wife runs the store, was behind the counter today.

"What do you make of it?"

"Last week we go to the mine and find sign: 'No work today.' Have to go home. Nobody says nothing in the papers. But when

the men say 'no work,' everybody talk against them."

The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania today wired support of the miners' memorial stoppage and the demand for unemployment compensation, to John L. Lewis and John Busarello, president of UMW District 5.

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Ted Tinsley Says

You Look Good Enough to Eat

THE NEXT TIME someone tells you that you look good enough to eat, run for your life. Faced with its inability to feed people, capitalism is frantically reviving the old Malthus theory which puts the blame on the food supply rather than on the social system. It's all nature's fault.

Of course, if we weren't so squeamish and we ate each other, capitalism would get along swimmingly. A return to cannibalism will preserve our way of life and the ideals of the western world.

In their book, *Starvation Truths, Half-Truths, Untruths*, Frank A. Pearson and Don Parlberg of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell, write:

"Cannibalism has been an adjuster of the food supply to the population and of the population to the food supply. It is the only adjuster that has this double distinction. Furthermore, it tends to upgrade the diet. Historically it cannot be overlooked, but currently it cannot be discussed in polite society. This is a case where a social gain has been achieved at the expense of a nutritional loss."

TO THINK THAT we don't discuss this in polite society! What a thin-skinned folk we are! Why should anybody go hungry, surrounded by edible friends, friends who are a splendid source of vitamins A, B, D and F? We can fatten each other on peanuts until we attain that good Smithfield flavor.

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ARCH FARCH OF 369 GLENDALE AVENUE, NEW HAVEN, HAS SWITCHED TO PEOPLE

"I like people because they are so tasty and they adjust the population to the food supply and the food supply to the population."

THE BOOK which I quoted is filled with other gems. "In planning for the continuity of the human race," wrote our Malthusian authors, "nature allowed for high mortality and provided a rate of increase which is beyond the capacity of the world to support." And then, "It is easier to reduce the death rate than to reduce the birth rate."

The two great ideals are: die sooner, or don't get born at all. The Marshall Plan is currently achieving both objectives at once.

In the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, a stock market tout, Major L. B. Angus, delivered himself of sentiments that are amazingly like those of Pearson and Parlberg. He called Wall Street "a charming living of delicatessen."

Capitalism had better lay off this Malthus theory. It somehow fails to explain why the Soviet Union encourages large families, longer life and more births, rather than cannibalism, early death and infant mortality. No one there has been known to say, with Pearson and Parlberg, that famines are good because they "accomplish quickly what would otherwise be prolonged and painful."

As long as we're going to eat each other, let's start with Messrs. Pearson, Parlberg and Angus. I'll take Angus, well done, with mashed potatoes and French green beans.

Books:

RISE IN FARM EFFICIENCY WORSENS CONTRADICTIONS IN AGRICULTURE

By Erik Bert

Machines for the Farm, Ranch and Plantation is an unspectacular volume, and was so intended by the authors. Messrs. Turner and Johnson divided all farm machinery among

of the century—advances which are reflected statistically in the latest census reports.

The authors' theoretical approach to the socio-economic character of changes in our agricultural production is of little account.

For example, "it seems logical" to them that "if farm labor can be made more efficient, if it continues to increase the production of each worker, industry will continue to develop and expand. As industry expands, standards of living, for farm and urban residents alike, will continue to rise. . . . Farm machines constitute the key to the productive ability of

Today's Films:

Italian 'Outcry' One of Best Resistance Movies

By Jose Iglesias

OUTCRY, the new Italian movie at the Avenue Playhouse, comes here already compared to *Open City* and *Paisan*. It is as good as these movies, as realistic and moving and even more perceptive about Italy's role in the war, but its value and interest today derives from the

• • **Outcry.** Crest Film's Release. Produced by G. G. Agliani. Directed by Aldo Vergano. Scenario by Guido Aristarco, Carlo Lizzani, Giuseppe Di Santis. With Lea Padovani, Elli Parvo, Vittorio Duse, Massimo Serrato. At the Avenue Playhouse.

light it can throw on the Italy faced with U.S. imperialism.

The magnificently acted story of the collective resistance of a northern Italian town is an object lesson in what could happen there again. Although it has the disadvantage of coming here after the other Italian war films, *Outcry* overcomes it by having a much clearer picture of the degenerate Italian ruling class, its combined feudal rentiers and capitalists who are as comfortable with the Marshall Plan as with Nazism. And its gradually developing study of how the town rebels has a dramatic unity and a more sensitive and acute insight into personal consciousness moving with a social situation than the other famous Italian films had.

OUTCRY begins the story of the town in Lombardy after the surrender of Badoglio and ends with the rout of the Nazis by the partisans and the townspeople. It takes as its central character a young man of the town who has been away fighting in the army for four years. Through with war, he has deserted as did many other

of the town. The ruling family with its wealthy, decadent refugees from the bombings of Milan contrast with the traditional poverty and passivity of the townspeople. With the arrival of the Nazi occupying forces and the increased activity of the partisans the town is forced to see Italy Today.

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English title or the ads somehow lead one to expect. It is not salacious or comic. It is a serious and intense drama of personal relationships, and it is interesting in the way our "true confession" magazines would be if done with intelligence and emotional depth.

Like the stories of these magazines, *The Wench* is interested



LEA PADOVANI

soldiers at the time and has come home to live in peace. So has his brother whose only desire is to make money.

When the Mussolini government calls them back to the army to continue the war, he has the choice of fighting with the partisans or of remaining in the town under the protection of the sensual wife of the village's overlord, the owner of the foundry in town and of its surrounding lands. The story of his wavering and of his final choice to go with the partisans is the story of the town.

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into motion. The wealthy owner does not like the Nazis but he is going to play along. When the Nazis' position is weak he makes overtures to the partisans. From shaving their heads over the actions of their rebellious sons, the townspeople begin to help them and to resist the Nazis.

This social powder keg that *Outcry* details blows up in exciting final scenes of warfare in which the people attack the Nazis from their homes and the partisans descend from the hills. It is, however, in its portrayal of socially degenerate forces that the movie is most intelligent and most incisive. In the cynical character of the brother who becomes a black marketeer is to be seen the outcast nature of the lumpen-proletariat, his usefulness to reaction, and his fate at the hands of the people.

The major portrait of the film, its most successful one, is that of the wife of the local lord. She is a tall, powerful woman whose vigor has had only sensual outlets, and whose bourgeois surroundings keep her in decadent company. The working class hero has been her lover because she'd liked his "sullen looks and insolent hands" and she comes to feel emotionally that she is on the wrong side. From the first sight of her, getting up from the grass where she'd been with a prizefighter, until her unhappy death, the movie throws a clear light on her social degeneracy and her futile attempts to break with her class.

The hero, in love with a partisan girl, looks down with her on the town at the end. To many, he says, our fight meant nothing; they will go on as before. *Outcry* is a good vantage point from which to see Italy Today.

'The Wench' at the Stanley Serious, Intense Love Drama

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is first awakened sensually by her. Her own brother attempts to corrupt her at every turn. Only an itinerant "coal man" sees her truly as "a victim" rather than wrongdoer. In protecting her he kills one of the men, and at the end they escape together, abandoning the inherited property.

DESPITE THESE many complications of plot, the movie is interested mainly in character and situation. If you come into the theater, as we did, during the last fourth of the film it is going to seem ludicrous. But seen from the beginning, it is an engrossing account, like the peregrinations of *Moll Flanders*. *The Wench* seems less like a work of art than like a leisurely view of your neighbors' private lives.

The uses to which the girl is put and the views and social prejudices that the people of the story have of her make for illuminating character studies and situations.

Perhaps the most powerful scene of the film is one in which the coarse, well-to-do farmer tries to force her to his bed. When she refuses to be intimidated, he offers her money, then jewels. Bewildered he suspects she wants marriage. The scene provides a subtle insight into the emotional insecurity of the propertied when their market values fail to operate in their personal life.

The cast is fine. Maria Casares, as the heroine, successfully creates the admixture of sensuality, naivete and deep emotional knowledge that the character demands. Jean Brochard as the farmer is brutal and pathetic, and the rest of the cast all give the impression that they have been working out monotonous lives in the countryside of France. They lend the melodrama the dignity that keeps *The Wench* from the abyss of sensationalism.

—J.Y.

mainly in one aspect of their characters' lives: the working out of love relationships. But where "confession" stories are sexual teases blanketed with shallow social values to give them moral palatability, this drama of a French country girl's search for love is done with a realism that becomes a judgment of the social uses of love.

In a sense, the heroine's search for love becomes her struggle not to be the kind of commodity that our society makes of a woman in a love relationship.

TOLD BARELY, the plot of *The Wench* would appear lurid. An orphan country girl living alone with her brother is urged by her lover to take a servant job with a wealthy old farmer. He convinces her that by attracting the farmer they will be able to lead happy lives with his money. The girl resists the old man until she finds that her lover is unfaithful. The farmer dies and leaves her his property.

Maligned by the farmers and villagers, she becomes a temptation to the men. Her old lover comes back. The farmer's old tenant drunkenly tries to attack her. His son, a shy young man,

Hammett, Stefan Heym, Ira A. Hirschmann, Langston Hughes, John Lardner, Carey McWilliams and Norman Mailer.

Also, Thomas Mann, Arthur Miller, Willard Motley, Clifford Odets, Dorothy Parker, Jennings Perry, Robert St. John, Edwin Seaver, Donald Ogden Stewart, Dalton Trumbo and Ira Wolfert.

Authors Carlo Levi, Louis Golding Due for Peace Meeting at Waldorf

Carlo Levi, author of *Christ Stopped at Aboli*, and Louis Golding, author of *Mr. Emmanuel* and *Magnolia Street*, are coming to this country from Italy and England respectively, to attend the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace which will be held March 25-27 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Louis Untermeyer, poet and an-



By BARNARD RUBIN

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists, of which Professor Albert Einstein is president, in a resolution issued yesterday, unanimously condemned the recent Bollingen poetry award to Ezra Pound. The resolution describes Pound as "... one of the most discredited and disgraced men of letters in the United States."

The text of the resolution reads:

"The presentation of the Bollingen Award to poet Ezra Pound has implications which we, as a committee of Jewish writers, artists and scientists, cannot ignore. Mr. Pound's activities during the war as a propagandist for the Nazi-Fascist forces, and his outright anti-Semitic stand, are well-known to the American public. At the present time, as a result of a legal verdict which declares him incompetent, he is an inmate of a government institution for the insane. We believe that the sponsors of the Bollingen award have shown not only regrettable poor taste, but, by this action, have given a reward to one of the most discredited and disgraced men of letters in the United States. We wish to express indignant protest."

This should only be the beginning. No cultural, Jewish or any American organization worth its salt should be satisfied until the Library of Congress disassociates itself from the Pound award. An elementary decency and respect for this country's traditions should prevent any rest until the Library of Congress removes T. S. Eliot, the anti-Semite primarily responsible for the award to Pound, from its roll of Fellows in American Literature. . . .

TOWN TALK

Bruno Walter, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony, has joined other leading American musicians in welcoming Dmitri Shostakovich who is coming to the United States this month to attend the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, March 25-27, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The Conference is being held under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. . . .

Penny Singleton, who has been playing Blondie for 11 years, has been told by the Colgate sponsor of the radio program that they've decided she's not the Blondie type. Has already been released from her contract. . . .

Ella Logan talking about appearing in a Broadway legit revival of *What Every Woman Knows* by James Barrie. . . .

The British Broadcasting Corp. television outfit has been dealt a severe blow by the refusal of the British Race Course Owners Association to grant permission for further televising of the horse races. Television, in England, is already banned from professional football, fights and greyhound racing. . . .

With confusion in the record industry still rampant because of the rash of new sizes, styles, etc., a wave of price cutting on RCA Victor and Columbia labels has hit the industry. . . .

As if things weren't bad enough in Hollywood, George Sokoloff, friend of the Nazi and Japanese imperialists war criminals, is now "lecturing in Hollywood". . . .

The unemployment rate was very much higher among radio actors than among the working population as a whole in the spring of 1948, according to a survey of radio artists in 15 major centers made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the American Federation of Radio Artists. The proportion of radio singers who were without work was high also, though smaller than the proportion of unemployed actors. Most announcers and sound effects men, however, were found to be regularly employed.

The study includes 3,742 artists in 15 metropolitan areas—New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, Detroit, Seattle, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Portland, Washington, Cleveland, Minneapolis, and Kansas City.

The report states that about one out of every 4 radio actors in the survey was totally unemployed in a typical week in the spring of 1948—an unemployment rate 8 or 9 times as high as the rate for all working people in the country. Among radio singers, the unemployment rate was found to be 4 or 5 times as high as among the entire working population.

Now, of course, the unemployment rate is up, way up, for all types of workers—and is continuing to go up. In theatre, as we've reported previously, it's over 90 percent. . . .

Children's Records

—In Yiddish

A 10-INCH RECORD of Jewish songs for children has just been put out by an organization called Kinder Lebn. The songs are sung clearly by Helen Fenster, with piano accompaniment by Ray Gordon, and seem designed for very

young children, of nursery school age.

Of the nine songs, however, seven are sung to old English nursery rhymes and two are actually Jewish tunes. But they are all delivered with a charming simplicity that ought delight the young listeners.

The records are on sale at the Workers Bookshop.

—HEN LEVINE

Hollywood:

Anti-USSR Film Made in Fascist Italy in 1939 Now in America

By David Platt

WE THE LIVING (Noi Vivi), an anti-Soviet, war-inciting film made in fascist Italy in 1939 has slipped in this country with the full knowledge of Federal authorities, and a group called 'The Federated Italos Americans' is trying to obtain a release for it. The fascist picture stars Alida (Paradine Case) Valli, Rossano Brazzi and Fosco Giachetti. Recently, it was shown privately in the auditorium of the Hollywood Post of the American Legion. As soon as the rights to it are "cleared" it will be shown nationally, it is reported.

THE THOMAS INCE Estate is releasing 60 old silent films for the television market. Ince was a top silent film director. The list of 60 includes subjects starring Hobart Bosworth, Charles Ray, Leatrice Joy, William S. Hart and other silent favorites. We're checking to see whether the re-baiting film *Americanism vs. Bolshevism* which Ince made in 1919 at the time of the anti-labor Palmer Raids is among the films earmarked for television. One of the first of the "beards, bombs and borscht" school of anti-Soviet fiction, *Americanism vs. Bolshevism* was hardly more than a vicious diatribe against labor unions. The film excited Wm. S. Kenyon, reactionary U.S. Senator from Iowa, to such an extent he sat down and wrote the director the following letter which has since become famous for its unconscious humor:

"Do you know that the Secretary of Labor in President Wilson's cab-



inet used to mine coal in my own county only eight miles from my home? He has come up from a coal miner to a seat in the cabinet in the U.S. That illustrates the opportunities for all boys in this country. Why should anyone want to overthrow a government that gives all other children such opportunities?"

Americanism vs. Bolshevism was endorsed by the governors of nine states. This was understandable. Not so easy to understand was its endorsement by Samuel Gompers, president of the AFL.

DEPARTMENT OF HORRORS: Paramount is preparing a five burlesque version of *Hamlet* for Betty Hutton's *Red Hot and Blue*. . . . The Laurence Olivier film by the way is being plugged from coast to coast by no less than 15 press agents. It has already passed the million dollar mark in film rentals to the distributor and

looms as Britain's biggest money-making film in this country.

FIVE JOHN WAYNE films are in circulation in New York this week: *Three Godfathers*, *Red River*, *Back to Bataan*, *Long Voyage Home* and *Stagecoach*. . . .

PAULETTE GODDARD is wanted by Universal to star in a film with the curious working title *Tehachapi: The Story of Molly X.*

BING CROSBY will sing the Whiffenpoof Song in *Riding High*, Frank Capra's remake of *Broadway Bill*, about horse racing. Clarence Muse, the Negro actor, will appear with Crosby in the film.

METRO rejected Gian-Carlo Menotti's first script, *Happy Ending*. It dealt with the murder of an old woman by five small children. Menotti is now working on his second, *The Bridge*, about displaced persons. Menotti's *The Medium* and *The Telephone* were Broadway smash hits.

COLUMBIA has entered the 16 mm non-theatrical distribution field via its subsidiary, Screen Gems, Inc.

FILMS IN RELATION to world peace will be discussed at a special panel on Mass Communications at the March 25-27 "Arts & Sciences" conference on world peace. Clifford Odets will be one of the principal speakers at this panel. Clifford C. Durr, former member of the Federal Communications Commission will preside.

Around the Dial:

G. F. Eliot and Free Speech

By Bob Lauter

A FEW DAYS AGO the New York Post ran a column by George Fielding Eliot in which he used, as the peg upon which to hang his ideas, some remarks I had made about the recent America's Town Meeting which discussed the right of Communists to teach in universities.

I think that some of the things Eliot said deserve comment. In speaking of the Daily Worker, he wrote, "It's been mighty mad

lately about some Communists getting fired from the University of Washington just because they were Communists."

In a public discussion of the case, Eliot, like Dr. Raymond B. Allen, has a convenient lapse of memory. The University of Washington fired three men. Two of them were Communists, and it so happens that the third was not. We object equally to the firing of the third.

ELIOT THEN CLAIMS that in my column I carelessly let "the Communist cat right out of the bag," when I wrote, "Of Roger Baldwin, who 'defended' the rights of Communists, all I can say is, 'Please don't help us any more.' Baldwin, you see, is for the right of any one to teach—Ku Kluxers, white supremacists, anti-Semites—as long as their associations do not affect their teaching."

Eliot's point was that in my carelessness I said publicly what we believed secretly: that we would not fight for the rights of a Ku Kluxer, or any one at all, to teach. He concluded that my remark "did just slip out," and showed "how Communists are trained to think."

JUST TO KEEP the record straight, let me point out to Mr. Eliot that as one who comments so consistently on the Communist Party's position on various matters, he ought to be a little more familiar with the facts. If he still likes to imagine that I "let the cat out of the bag," or that my tongue slipped, let me repeat: not only would we refuse to defend a Ku Kluxer, but we would fight to get

him thrown out. We are not, and never have been, believers in any rights for fascists, and if Mr. Eliot thinks we use the word loosely, let him cite chapter and verse.

A CORRESPONDENT has requested a listing of children's program (pre-school age) other than the regular serials.

Unfortunately, such programs are very limited today. As the best bet, I would suggest WMCA which presents the following programs from Monday through Friday:

5:30 p.m. — *Musicland* (a children's all-request musical program). 5:45 p.m. — *Let's Listen to a Story*. (Jane Evans is the storyteller.)

At 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, WMCA presents *The Inquiring Parent* in which Dr. Luther E. Woodward discusses child-parent relationships. WMCA's *Musicland* is broadcast at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

The city station, WNYC, has a variety of programs for school-age children. Pre-school children might enjoy the following WNYC programs:

Children's Corner, 8:00 a.m., Saturdays.

Children's Story Fair, 10:00 a.m., Saturdays.

Gumdrop Playhouse, 8:00 a.m., Sundays.

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WCBS—620 K.A.
WNEW—1120 K.A.
WLIR—1100 K.A.

WEN—1000 K.A.
WBRY—1140 K.A.
WQXR—1220 K.A.
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MORNING
11:00—WNBC—Do It Yourself
WOR—Prescott Robinson
WJZ—Nelson Olmstead
WNYC—I Hear America Singing
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey Show
WQXR—News: Alma Dettinger
11:15—WNBC—We Love and Learn
WJZ—Home with the Kinkwoods
WOR—Victor H. Lincoln
11:30—WNBC—Jack Berch
WOR—Gabriel Heatter Mailbag
WJZ—Ted Malone
WCBS—Orland Siam
WQXR—UN Newsreel
11:45—WNBC—Lora Lawton
WJZ—Galen Drake
WCBS—Rosemary
WQXR—Violin Personalities

AFTERNOON

12:00—WNBC—Charles F. McCarthy Speaks
WOR—Kate Smith
WJZ—Welcome Travellers
WCBS—Wendy Warren—Sketch
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—News: Luncheon Concert
12:15—WNBC—Metropolitan News
WOR—Kate Smith
WCBS—Aunt Jenny
12:30—WNBC—Brokeshire
WOR—Answer Man
WJZ—Maggie McNellis
WCBS—Helen Trent
12:45—WCBS—Our Gal Sunday
1:00—WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's
WJZ—Party Time
WCBS—Big Sister
WNYC—String Music
WQXR—News: Midday Symphony
1:15—WJZ—Nancy Craig
WCBS—Ma Perkins
1:30—WOR—Hollywood Theatre
WCBS—Young Dr. Malone
1:45—WCBS—Guiding Light
WJZ—Dorothy Dix
2:00—WNBC—Double or Nothing
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Breakfast in Hollywood
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News: Record Review
2:15—WCBS—Perry Mason
2:30—WNBC—Today's Children
WOR—Passing Parade
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WCBS—Nora Drake
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30
2:45—WNBC—Light of the World
WCBS—What Makes You Tick
WQXR—Musical Specialties
3:00—WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful

WOR—Movie Matinee
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated
WCBS—David Harum
3:15—WNBC—Ma Perkins
WCBS—Hilltop House
3:20—WNBC—Fifer Young
WJZ—House Party
WOR—Best Girl
WOR—Robert Q. Lewis Show
WNYC—Krauter Trin
WQXR—Stringtime
3:45—WNBC—Right to Happiness
4:00—WNBC—Backstage Wife
WCBS—Hunt Hunt
WJZ—Kay Kyser
WNYC—Disc Date
WOR—Barbara Wells
4:15—WNBC—Stella's Dallas
4:30—WNBC—Lorenzo Jones—Sketch
WOR—The Ladies' Man
WJZ—People—Pats Barnes
WCBS—Winner Take All
4:45—WNBC—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Eleanor and Anna Roosevelt
5:00—WNBC—When a Girl Marries
WNYC—Sunset Serenade
WCBS—Galen Drake
WOR—Straight Arrow
5:15—WNBC—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WQXR—Modern Rhythms
5:30—WNBC—Just Plain Bill
WJZ—Sky King
WCBS—Hits and Misses
WOR—Captain Midnight
WQXR—Cocktail Time
5:45—WNBC—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Tom Mix

EVENING

6:00—WNBC—Kenneth Banghart
WOR—Lyle Van
WJZ—Joe Hazel
WCBS—Eric Sevareid
WQXR—News: Music to Remember
6:15—WNBC—Bill Stern
WOR—On the Century
WJZ—Ethel & Albert
WCBS—Talks
6:30—WNBC—Wayne Howell Show
WOR—News
WJZ—Edwin C. Hill
WCBS—Herb Shriner
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45—WNBC—Three Star Extra
WOR—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Allen Prescott
WNYC—Weather: City News
7:00—WNBC—Super Club
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

P.M.—Tuesday, March 15
6:30—Herb Shriner, WCBS.
8:00—Music for the Connoisseur.
WNYC.
8:30—America's Town Meeting:
"Should the Administration
Labor Bill Be Adopted?"
9:00—Bob Hope show, WNBC.
9:30—Fibber McGee and Molly.
WNBC.
9:45—Detroit Symphony Orchestra, WJZ.
10:30—Mr. Ace and Jane, WCBS.
11:30—Deems Taylor show, WOR.

TV
8:00—Milton Berle show, WNBT.
8:25—Hockey: Rangers - Boston.
WPIX.
9:00—We, the People, WCBS-TV.
9:30—Suspense, WCBS-TV.

WCBS—Beulah
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News: Keyboard Artists
7:15—WNBC—News of the World
WOR—Answer Man
WJZ—Jack Beall
WCBS—Jack Smith Show
7:30—WNBC—Hollywood Theatre
WOR—A. L. Alexander, Poems
WCBS—Club 15
WJZ—Counter-Spy
WQXR—Music Quiz
7:45—WOR—Inside of Sports
WCBS—Edward Marrow
8:00—WNBC—This Is Your Life
WOR—Gregory Hood
WJZ—Art Mooney's Talent Show
WCBS—Mystery Theatre
WQXR—News: Symphony Hall
8:15—WJZ—Earl Godwin
8:30—WNBC—Alan Young Show
WOR—Share the Wealth—Quiz
WJZ—America's Town Meeting
WCBS—Mr. and Mrs. North, Play
9:00—WNBC—Bob Hope
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WCBS—We the People
WQXR—News: Concert Hall
WNYC—Record Hobbyists
9:15—WOR—Radio Newsreel
9:30—WNBC—Fibber McGee and Molly
WOR—Bill Williams Show
WQXR—Strike It Rich
9:45—WJZ—Detroit Symphony Orchestra
10:00—WNBC—Big Town—Play
WOR—Let's Play Games
WCBS—Hit the Jackpot—Quiz

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41-Conventional slang
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44-Feline
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48-Mischiefous child
51-Poem
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54-Strange
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56-Female sheep

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6-Outdoor sport
7-Pointless
8-To vend
9-To state in detail

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PALACE—@ So Dear to My Heart

PARAMOUNT—Whispering Smith

PARK AVENUE—@ Hamlet

PIX—Every Girl Should Be Married; Unknown Island

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL—@ Little Women

RKO PALACE—Marine Raiders; Back to Batson

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LOEW'S COMMODORE—Sofa; Miraculous Journey

ART—@ Don't Take It to Heart

CHARLES—Eve of Saint Mark; Carnival in Costa Rica

RKO JEFFERSON—Force of Evil; Southern Yankee

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—@ Letter to Three Wives; Bungalow

Thirteen

CITY—Mento Casino; La Donna e Mobile

IRVING PLACE—@ Symphony of Life

GRANCY PARK CINEMA—Candlelight in Algeria

94TH ST.—Force of Evil; Southern Yankee

TUDOR—Force of Evil; Southern Yankee

LOEW'S 42ND ST.—@ So Dear to My Heart; Station West

BEVERLY—Colonel Blimp; Shorts

LOEW'S LEXINGTON—@ Long Voyage Home

NORMANDIE—Lured

52ND ST. TRANSLUX—Read House

SUTTON—@ Pyramide

RKO PROCTORS 58TH ST.—@ Letter to Three Wives; Bungalow

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PLAZA—Wards and Music

ARCADIA—@ Hill on the Floor; Amateur Gentleman

TRANSLUX 60TH ST.—Man About the House

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Unknown Island

68TH ST. GRANDE—Ex-Champ; Pardon My Sarong

LOEW'S 5TH ST.—Southern Yankee; Force of Evil

LOEW'S ORPHEUM—Miraculous Journey; Sofa

RKO PROCTORS 58TH ST.—@ Letter to Three Wives; Bungalow

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GRACIE SQUARE—Sea of Grass; Love Finds Andy Hardy

SOFIA—@ Sea of Grass; Love Finds Andy Hardy

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Optimistic Kuhel Talks 1st Division

ORLANDO, Fla., March 14 (UP).—There wasn't a sign of a tongue in jovial Joey Kuhel's cheek today when he said, "sure, our Washington Senators will be shooting for the first division—and we might make it."

"We're better than last year," he said. "Our off season deals helped us a lot in problem spots. And we've got the big man back in the outfield."

The "big man" was Buddy Lewis, the Gastonia, N. C., automobile dealer, who got so involved with his business that he stayed out of baseball last year.

"And when you lose a guy like that with a lifetime batting average of over .300 from your outfit, you lost a lot," Kuhel said.

Kuhel thought he might have one of the better outfields in the league, both offensively and defensively with Lewis in right, ex-Yankee Eddie Stewart or ex-Cincinnati gardener Clyde Vollmer in center, and Gil Coan in left. Sherry Robertson, who broke in as a third baseman, also has looked good in outfield workouts.

KUHEL WAS PLEASED over the deal the Nats made in getting young John Simmons out of the Brooklyn Dodger organization from Montreal via the draft route.

"He might break in as a regular outfielder, too, and I think the Dodgers realized it," Kuhel said. "Half an hour after we drafted him Branch Rickey, Jr., offered \$30,000 to get him back, of course we turned that down."

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Robinson," he said. "Eddie wasn't very happy in Cleveland and he seems tickled to death to be with us. And we're tickled to death to have him at first."

"I think we also strengthened ourselves with a first string shortstop in the deal with the Browns in which we got Sam Dente. And with Eddie Yost at third and Al Mozar at second I've got no complaints over our infield."

Kuhel was especially high on Kozar who broke in as a rookie last year after being picked up from the Red Sox.

"He is a good fielder, tough at that dish" he said. "And he'll be harder to get out this year. He studies the pitchers all the time and sees to it that he knows what they're likely to be throwing."

PITCHING, HE SAID, also looked better than a year ago with Walt Masterson, Ray Scarborough, Joe Haynes, Mickey Haefner, and Sid Hudson as his big five and with Ed Klieman, Forrest Thompson, and Dick Welteroth as relief men.

Again referring to the deal with Cleveland in which the Nats gave up hurler Early Wynn and first baseman Mickey Vernon for Robinson, Haynes, and Klieman, Kohel said that "it certainly helped our pitching staff."

"Haynes has always been a winner even with second division teams and Klieman last year had the third best earned run average in the league—a heck of a good relief pitcher."

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We'll Win in Tight Race, Says Shotton

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 14.—Back in "Dodgertown" after two highly-successful Miami meetings with the Boston Braves, manager Burt Shotton today had an air of optimism which left no doubt but what he feels the Dodgers are going to come through this year. "Of course, I'm optimistic," Shotton said. "I'm always that way. It doesn't cost a cent more, I found that out 50 years ago. I never saw anyone ever win who didn't think they could win."

"He said all winter we were going to win the pennant. I still say so, although the race is going to be a tight one with even the Cubs and the Pirates in the running. Even the Reds have improved and I have high regard for Bucky Walters and what he is going to do for them as their manager."

As usual, Shotton believes the Cardinals may be the team to beat, although he also is high on the Braves. Shotton has three big problems, but "none of them are beyond solution."

"For instance, I have five good looking third basemen that most other clubs would be happy to have. My job is to pick out the best one. The same goes for the outfield where I have nine men fighting for the jobs. I'm going to have to look at them a lot longer before I will be able to make up my mind."

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The Brooklyn pilot, beginning

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BURT SHOTTON—Dodger pilot—looks for a tight race in the NL with his Dodgers emerging victorious.

his 40th year in baseball, said Billy Cox, a disappointment last year, has "looked great so far and might win the third base job."

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added. "There are 268 players in this camp and all of them have a chance to make the club."

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Results, Entries, Al's Picks

Gulfstream Results

FIRST—6 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2200.
Risky Betty (Batcheller) 8.00 4.10 2.90
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Gladys H. (Nelson) 3.30
Also ran—Burley Bid, Beautiful Time, Karakas, Call Back, Gilded Cage, Gal in Calico, Mel Helen, Offenbach and Ram-pageous. Time—1:11 4-5.

SECOND—6 furlongs; claiming; 3-year-olds; \$2200.
Best Trick (Scurlock) 10.90 5.50 4.00
Sorority (Wagner) 4.80 3.30 3.20
King Motive (Scott) 5.40
Also ran—Autumn Storm, Miss Nap, Timbo, Watch Lassie, Irma's Jim, Bern-harris, Blue Rhonda, Gay and Heddy B. Time—1:12 3-5.

(Winner Picked by Al)

THIRD—4 furlongs; maiden; 2-year-olds; \$2200.
Fashioned (Nelson) 4.70 3.40 2.60
Wise Cutie (Strange) 22.30 8.90
Rare Perfume (Scurlock) 4.10
Also ran—Local Option, Irish Daughter, One Rose, Night Shot, Rippin' Hit, Be-sita, Kitty Lass and Buckle Girl. Time—1:47 3-5.

(Winner Picked by Al)

FOURTH—7 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400.
a-Galland (Nelson) 5.70 2.60 2.10
Rewarder (Batcheller) 3.00 2.30
di-First Citiz. (Strange) 2.30
di-Blue Badge (Cook) 2.20
Also ran—First Sentry, East Light, Glem-mel, Concrete and a-Attic. Time—1:24 1-5.
di-Dead heat for show.

(Winner Picked by Al)

FIFTH—6 furlongs; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$2500.
Burkus (Gonzales) 7.50 4.80 3.30
Local Band (Smith) 13.10 5.80
Piet (Nelson) 2.80
Also ran—Roi Rouge, Speedy Lee, Floral Trail, Yankee Bird, Padlock and Regalion II. Time—1:10 3-5.

(Winner Picked by Al)

SIXTH—1 1/8 miles; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$2500.
Bill Ross (Nelson) 8.10 4.20 3.30
Jacopet (Batcheller) 10.00 5.90
Jingle Jangle (Polt) 6.20
Also ran—Fighter Jack, We Hope, Loll-ing, Land 'n Sea, Colanova, Croesus, No-mor-war. Time—1:52 2-5.

EIGHTH—1 1/8 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2200.
Magnetic Star (St. G'ne) 5.30 3.70 2.80
Buddy Barton (Sk'rnak) 5.30 3.70
Yukon (Moore) 3.50
Also ran—Brown Job, Big Hope, Vip, David T., Bossy Betty, Macon Switch, Gayward and Shave. Time—1:54 1-5.

Gulfstream Entries
Gulfstream Park entries for Tuesday.

AL'S SELECTIONS on back page (in two star edition only).

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FRISCO, BRADLEY, LOYOLA WIN

Upsets Oust Kentucky, W. Kentucky & Utah

A desperate one-hand shot with five seconds to go gave San Francisco a thrilling 64-63 upset victory over Utah last night at Madison Square Garden. The shot was made by Frank Kuzara and stunned a crowd of 17,000 which had seen favored Utah roar from behind to apparently win.

The victory, third straight National Invitation Tournament upset in a hectic day, put Frisco into Thursday night's semi-final round along with Bradley and Loyola. Frisco will meet the winner of the St. Louis-Bowling Green game, which was under way as this edition went to press. The taller Frisco team, led by McNamee with 20 points and Losgran with 14, won despite heroic work of Vern Gardner, who scored 23 for the losers. Gardner's goal with a minute to go put Utah ahead 63-62, but the Salt Lake team could not quite hold off the Coast entry. Little Reny Herrerias played a brilliant floor game for the winners who must be rated a formidable foe for tourney honors.

The valiant Braves from Bradley University upset third-seeded Western Kentucky, 95 to 86, yesterday afternoon in the first game to reach the semi-finals of the national invitation basketball tournament in a game that broke the tourney scoring record.

The Midwesterners scored their thrilling triumph with a gallant comeback after they trailed by 10 points in the opening minutes of the second half. In the semi-finals they meet the winner of the Kentucky-Loyola game, which was played as the second contest on yesterday afternoon's doubleheader as this edition went to press.

By combining to score 181 points, Bradley and Western Kentucky smashed the old Invitation scoring mark of 161 points for a single game. The old mark was set in Rhode Island State's 82 to 70 triumph over Bowling Green in 1946.

Crew-cut Paul Unruh, Bradley's talented center, and tiny Gene Mechiorre, a five-foot, eight-inch shooting and ball-hawking phenomenon, each scored 28 points in leading the Braves to victory.

The Braves, out-reached under the baskets by an average of about three inches per man, made up for what they lacked in height by their aggressiveness, gameness and unerring shooting ability. Bradley connected on 41 out of 90 shots from the floor for an amazing .456 shooting average.

After falling behind 17 to 24 midway in the first half, Bradley fought back to tie the score at 33-all at the 14-minute mark, then

dropped behind 45 to 50 at half time.

Western Kentucky forged ahead, 60 to 50, in the fourth minute of the second half, as Bob Lavoy and Buddy Cate repeatedly out-reached the Braves to score vital tip-in points, but still Bradley wouldn't quit.

Then with Lavoy, Johnny Oldham and Charlie Parsley of Western Kentucky forced to play cautiously because of four personal fouls, the Braves slowly cut into the Hilltoppers lead and finally tied the score at 66-all on eight straight points by Unruh and a field goal by Charley Crover, the substitute guard who collected 20 points.

The teams battled through four more ties and three lead changes and then Mechiorre sank a beautiful hook shot that put Bradley ahead to stay with five minutes remaining.

In the second afternoon game Kentucky hopes for a grand tourney slam blew up in their faces as Loyola, of Chicago, soundly outplayed them to win, 67-58. Loyola will meet Bradley in one of Thursday's semi-final games.

There was nothing fluky in Loyola's upset victory. The team that eliminated CCNY Saturday night played a smart, aggressive game, spearheaded by Jack Kerris, 6 foot 6 center, who scored 22 points and outplayed all-American Alec Groza under the boards. Kerris played through most of the second half with four fouls against him, while for Kentucky their

PALM BEACH'S 1st MIXED BALLGAME

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 14.—When the Philadelphia Athletics play host to the Brooklyn Dodgers here tomorrow it will mark the first mixed athletic contest in the history of the Palm Beaches.

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, the Dodgers' star Negro players will thus be busting another jimmie precedent.

Preacher Roe, Harry Taylor and Ervin Palico are scheduled to work three-inning shifts for Brooklyn against Phil Marchildon, rookie Bobby Shantz and Carl Scheibe.

doom was sealed with five minutes remaining when Crover followed Jones out on fouls.

For the dethroned national champions, Ralph Beard was best with 15 points, most on long set shots. Contributing largely to the Loyola victory was the work of substitute Ben Bluit, a 6 foot 5 Negro sharpshooter. He carried on calmly despite clearly heard derogatory racial remarks from around the Kentucky bench.

Nagel, who scored 11 points and played a tireless, hustling defensive game, also came in for a lot of praise.

At the game's conclusion, the Loyola team held a spontaneous celebration in the middle of the floor, hoisting Kerris to their shoulders while the crowd cheered. Loyola came into the tourney as a last-minute addition and was unseeded, while Kentucky was seeded number one and was an overwhelming favorite to win both this tourney and the NCAA starting next Monday.

Moguls to Argue vs Gardella Today

Legal lightning struck organized baseball the second time in the same place yesterday when a Federal judge ordered the sport to show today why it should not re-instate suspended Mexican League jumper Danny Gardella.

Baseball's attorneys must appear at 10:30 this morning before U. S. District Court Judge Edward A. Conger to give their answer to Gardella's request for an injunction. At the same time, in the same courtroom, before the same judge, baseball must answer the same injunction request in the case of two other suspended players, former St. Louis Cardinal pitchers Mac Lanier and Fred Martin.

Gardella, former New York Giant outfielder, is suing baseball for \$300,000. Lanier and Martin are suing for \$2,500,000. All were suspended for five years in 1946 for jumping to the Mexican League, which organized baseball considers an outlaw league.

All three ask injunctions ordering their re-instatement so that they can earn a living playing ball pending the outcome of their damage suits. However, Gardella yesterday added a new twist when he offered baseball an alternative to re-instatement—a promise that it will not "pressure" independent semi-pro teams into refusing to hire him or play against him.

These teams are not officially under organized baseball's jurisdiction, but can be controlled indirectly since many of the players hope ultimately to play professional ball.

It was presumed that the base-

On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



Turning It Over to the Readers

WITH A MAD day and night of baseball coverage at hand, let's dip into the mailbag, which is conveniently full this Monday. But first—you see the way the Dodgers knocked off the Braves twice in a row? with Sain belted and Brooklyn rookies shutting out the champs on Sunday?

Now the mail. First, a reader with a taste for distasteful research comes up with the exact quote from Paul Gallico's book "Farewell to Sports" which brands the Hearstling as a calculating anti-semitic years before his recent gutter column which even the Journal had to yank in later editions. Read this and judge for yourself Gallico's protest that he is not anti-Jewish: From page 325, "Farewell to Sport," Alfred A. Knopf, 6th Printing, March 1945:

"Curiously it (basketball) is a game that above all others seems to appeal to the temperament of Jews, and for the past few years Jewish players on the college teams around New York have had the game all to themselves. A good Jewish football player is a rarity (this statement is just as false as the opening garbage—LR) but Jews flock to basketball by the thousands. It is a good rough game. A Jew, contrary to popular opinion, can take a licking, depending on the individual, as gamely as any other race, vide the many successful Hebrew prizefighters; but the reason, I suspect, that it (basketball) appeals to the Hebrew with his Oriental background is that the game places a premium on an alert, scheming mind and flashy trickiness, artful dodging, and general smarm-aleckness. I am surprised that no one has ever advanced another reason for the great success of the game. It is definitely physically satisfying to see the ball, thrown or shot through the air, drop through the hoop and net that seems barely big enough to permit it to get through, and the longer the shot, the bigger the thrill. There is something vaguely sexual about it."

End quote. And there is something more than vaguely depraved and cunningly Goebbel-like in a man who writes such stuff. Our informant says that preceding this chapter is one entitled "Eightball" which does a job on Negro athletes. And the book is on the approved list of the Board of Education and appears in many school libraries. Much more to somebody's liking than a book on our country's vital democratic traditions like "Citizen Tom Paine," which is banned.

FROM HARRISBURG, PA., comes a note from a reader who signs himself "Neighbor of Billy Cox." It says:

"I am surprised the Daily Worker in all its articles on Billy Cox, how disappointing and inconsistent he was last year, his lack of pep and spirit, etc., never mentioned that Cox incurred malaria in the service and was a periodic sufferer from it. This is a nasty ailment which is enough to knock the pep out of anyone when it recurs. This spring Cox for the first time has been freed of malaria for a long while and feels great. His infected tooth was another factor which hurt, but I believe the malaria was the main one and readers should know about it."

CAN'T GET AWAY with a thing with our readers! From J. L. of Charlestown, West Virginia, comes this note:

"Your sports section in the Wednesday edition, March 9, carried a picture of Connie Mack and several of his players with that 1949 business. Number 19 you name as Leland Byrd, could that be the same Leland Byrd that played on our West Virginia U. basketball team last year? Or is this a printing error and No. 19 is Leland V. Brissie. Thanks for the trouble to answer this and its needless to add that I enjoy reading Rodney and Mardo a great deal."

The picture was of Brissie, the game soph southpaw. To my knowledge Byrd never went in for baseball. The original copy has long since gone with the trash, so we'll never know whether it was myself, bemused by the basketball season and rushing for the deadline, who made the error on the caption, or a linotype operator. Yes, the betting would be strongly in favor of the former.

INDIANAPOLIS AGAIN. Joseph L. Bridge, a frequent and valued correspondent, writes, in part:

"Nine rabs for Rodney, putting Johnny Wilson of Anderson on your All American team. I enclose a clipping showing you are not altogether by your lonesome, as he is among 64 players nominated in the nationwide Associated Press poll. (Daily Worker is not member of AP, so wasn't us all right—LR).

Incidentally your nominees finished the season as third highest scorer in the US among smaller-college players, which to say all players, as the big schools run behind. He scored 49 points in one game.

"I for one have no idea how a small-college player like Wilson compares with the national publicity-getters. I can only say that he looks to be clearly a more valuable player than Butler's Buckshot O'Brien or for that matter, Notre Dame's Leon Barnhorst, both of whom I have seen. Writers always consider that a small-school star meets easier opposition, but don't they ignore the possible weakness of his own teammates?"

"Of course the answer is supposed to be that a really good player would go after the big money at a big school. There are exceptions though, not only in the case of Negro athletes battling jimmie but also of some white players I can remember who were influenced by reasons other than cold cash. Put me down as one Hoosier basketball-fan who is not thrilled at seeing whole teams of Indiana boys carried off to Tulane, North Carolina State and other points especially South."

AL'S SELECTIONS

- 1-Mr. Fox, First Night, Holly Mac
- 2-Stage Fire, Coronet Star, Poignancy
- 3-Mystery Man, Sigh Man, Ability
- 4-Sudden Scare, Arial Sweep, Grand Teddy
- 5-Jal, Chaldean, Dole
- 6-Count A-Bit, De Luxe, Error
- 7-Bromo, Jacolee, Scene
- 8-Ice Girl, Flying Wasp, Director